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450	Bore Sporting, 9 Shots	Rs. 100.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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Madeira, 14th October 1890.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 3rd November 1890.

" No. 4049-D.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 15th October 1890.

Horses.

Remounts.

NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to the advertisement of the 31st October, 1889, it is hereby notified that the number of young country-bred horses likely to prove suitable for Army purposes, which it is anticipated will be purchased by the Government of India during the year 1891-92, is estimated at 1,050. But this estimate is subject to alteration hereafter:—

BENGAL.			
Hapur Rearing Depot.			
Young horses, one year old and upwards	400	600	
Do. six months old and upwards	200		
Kurnal Rearing Depot.			
Young horses, one year old and upwards	150	350	
Do. six months old and upwards	200		
BOMBAY.			
Ahmednagar Rearing Depot.			
Young horses, one year old and upwards		100	
Total		1,050	

2. The average price for young horses of this class will be fixed according to their merits, but every horse presented for purchase will be valued separately, and higher or lower prices may be given, provided that the average fixed by Government is not exceeded

3. The purchases will be made at the various horse fairs, horse shows and districts in India, by Remount Agents, under the orders of the Director, Army Remount Department.

(Sd.) E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secretary to the Government of India."

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

B. H. POTTINGER, Major-General,
Secretary to Government.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent, Government Central Press, up to noon of the 29th November 1890, for supplying the Press, for three years ending 31st December, 1893, with MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES of Country Manufacture or Country Produce only, of which samples can be seen on application to the Superintendent, from whom Forms of Tender can be obtained. The Form of Agreement can also be seen at the Central Press.

2. Each Tender must be marked outside "Tender for the Supply of Miscellaneous Articles to the Government Central Press," and must be accompanied by a deposit of Rupees (50) Fifty, which will be forfeited in the event of delay or evasion on the part of the Tenderer in executing the Agreement if his Tender is accepted.

3. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

J. NUGENT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay, 13th November, 1890.

BOMBAY CIRCULATING LIBRARY,

ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, FORT, BOMBAY.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

FOR SALE.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS received on 11th November, 1890, at As. 10 per Shilling:—

FICTION.	Rs.	a.
Altiora Peto; by Laurence Oliphant	2	4
Benlah; by Augusta J. Evans Wilson	1	4
Bell of St. Paul's; by Walter Besant	2	4
Chief Justice: a Novel; by Emil Franzos, translated from the German by Miles Corbet	2	4
Duchess Frances; by Sarah Tytler	3	12
Esther Lowell: A Life Story; by Sarson C. J. Ingham	3	2
He Went for a Soldier: a Novel; by John Strange Winter	1	0
Ineza: a Tale of the Alamo; by Augusta J. Evans Wilson	1	4
Infelice; by Augusta J. Evans Wilson	1	4
Lady Audly's Secret: a Novel; by the Author of "Aurora Floyd"	1	4
Macaria; by Augusta J. Evans Wilson	1	4
Nutshell Novels; by J. Ashby Sterry	2	4
Sidney; by Margaret Deland	3	12
Sign of Four; by A. Canon Doyle	2	4
Silence of Dean Maitland: a Novel; by Maxwell Grey	3	12
Ward of the Golden Gate; by Bret Harte	2	4
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Ancient Religion and Modern Thought; by William Samuel Lilly	8	0
Arabian Nights' Entertainments: a New Edition, revised with Notes; by the Rev. Geo. Tyler Townsend, M. A.	1	4
By England's Aid: or, the Freeing of the Netherlands; by G. A. Henty	3	12
Correct Guide to Letter Writing; by a Member of the Aristocracy, Author of "Manners and Rules of Good Society."	1	10
English Fairy Tales, collected by Joseph Jacobs, editor of "Folk-Lore."	3	12
Famous Musical Composers; being Biographies of Eminent Musicians; by Lydia T Morris	3	12
Graphic History of the British Empire, from Celtic Times to the Present Day	4	8
Kilgroom: A Story of Ireland; by John A. Stewart	3	12
Landmarks of Homeric Study; by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone	1	10
Letter Writer's Vade-Mecum and Dictionary Supplement: a Complete Hand-Book to the Epistolary Art, edited by R. D. Blackman	1	10
Life in the Indian Village; by T. Ramakrishna, B. A.	3	12
Maitland of Laurieston: A Family History; by Annie S. Swan	3	12
Mackay (A. M.), Pioneer Missionary of the Church Missionary Society to Uganda; by His Sister	4	12
Maori and Settler: a Story of the New Zealand War; by G. A. Henty	3	2
Modern Explorers; by Thomas Frost	1	10
Peter Brough: A Paisley Philanthropist; by James B. Sturrock, M. A.	2	4
Some Central Points of Our Lord's Ministry; by Henry Wace, D.D.	3	12
Thousand and One Riddles with a few thrown in	0	5
Vindication of the Rights of Woman, with Strictures on Political and Moral Subjects; by Mary Wollstonecraft	4	12
Wild Adventures in Wild Places; by Gordon Stables, M.D., R.N.	1	10
POETRY.		
From Dawn to Sunset: Book I., The Song of Youth; Book II., The Song of Manhood; Book III., The Song of Riper Manhood; by George Barlow	3	12

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NOTICE.

SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN FROM LONAULI, KHANDALA AND NAREL TO BOMBAY, ON FRIDAY MORNING, THE FOURTEENTH INSTANT.

FOR the convenience of passengers returning from LONAULI, KHANDALA and NAREL to BOMBAY on FRIDAY MORNING next, the fourteenth instant, a SPECIAL TRAIN WILL

Leave Lonauli, at	6-50
Khandala at	7-7
Narel at	9-4
And will arrive in Bombay at	11-0

This Train will stop at some other of the Principal Stations, for which see the special Time Table, dated thirtieth of September last, put up at Stations.

First, Second, and Third Class passengers and their Luggage will be booked by this Train.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 12th of November 1890.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

MR. HAJEE CASIM HAJEE LUDHA, who has been our Agent and Manager for the past 25 years, is no longer connected with us, nor does he represent us in any way.

LUDHA EBRAIM & CO.

Bombay, November 8, 1890.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th instant, these days being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR PETTY MISCELLANEOUS STORES.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received, by the Agent and Chief Engineer at his Office, Jhansi, up to MONDAY, the 1st December next, for SUPPLY of PETTY MISCELLANEOUS STORES, at the Jhansi Depot, during the 12 months, commencing 1st January, 1891.

Tender Forms, giving particulars of the approximate quantities required for delivery at the Jhansi Depot, and conditions on which Tenders will be received, may be obtained on application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, on payment of Rs. 4 each.

The Agent and Chief Engineer reserves the right to select one or more items from any Tender, without reference to the other items on the same Tender, and the tenderer shall be required to supply the same at the rates quoted.

Tenders should be superscribed "Tender for Petty Miscellaneous Stores," and a deposit of Rs. (1,000) one thousand must accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered. If Government Promissory Notes be submitted they must be endorsed in favor of the Agent and Chief Engineer, "Indian Midland Railway Company."

All stores to be in accordance with the Company's samples which may be seen at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi.

The Agent and Chief Engineer does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
J. WILSON,
Chief Storekeeper.

Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, 3rd November, 1890.

BOMBAY, BARODA & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY,

INCLUDING

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

THE AGENT is prepared to receive at his Office, Church Gate Street, Fort, up to Gunfire, on MONDAY, the 1st December, 1890, TENDERS for the construction on the BROAD GAUGE of the first 24 miles of the GODHRA-RUTLAM EXTENSION of the B. B. & C. I. Railway.

Drawings and Specifications with Schedules of quantities may be seen at the Chief Engineer's Office on and after the 15th November 1890, where forms of Tender can be obtained on payment of Rs. 10 per copy.

All Tenders should be superscribed "Tender for the [illegible]," and a sum of Rs. 1,000 must be deposited with each Tender, without which the Tender will not be considered.

The deposits should be endorsed in favour of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company.

The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

J. M. SLEATER,
Acting Agent.

General Offices, Bombay, 29th October, 1890.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY,

INCLUDING

R.-M. RAILWAY.

ATTENTION is invited to the ALTERATION in the DATE up to which TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION of the GODHRA-RUTLAM RAILWAY will be received, viz., MONDAY, the 1st December, 1890.

J. M. SLEATER,
Acting Agent.

General Offices, Bombay, November 7, 1890.

THE SOONDERDASS SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS CO., LIMITED.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 18th ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 20th November 1890, at 3 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 3, Tamarind Lane, Fort, for the purpose of transacting the following business, viz:—

1ST.—To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts and Balance-Sheet for the year ending 30th June 1890.

2ND.—To appoint Directors in the room of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election, and to confirm the appointment of Mr. Luckmidas Veling, Director in the room of Mr. Curseejee Maneckjee Setna deceased.

3RD.—To appoint Auditors for the year 1890-91 and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

મુળજી જેઠાની કું૦.

i. e. MOOLJEE JAITHA & Co.
Secretaries & Treasurers.

Bombay, 5th November, 1890.

N. B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from 5th to 20th November, 1890, both days inclusive.

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H. CHALMERS,
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Bank of Bengal	40,000	200	all	5 pr. ct.	975
Bank of Madras	16,000	500	all	5 pr. ct.	910
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	£10	all	5 pr. ct.	125
Charter Bank	240,000	£20	£20	7 pr. ct.	£28
Char. Mercantile	750,000	£25	£25	5 pr. ct.	380
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	60,000	$125	all	17½ pr. ct.	—
National Bank of India	37,320	£25	£12	5 pr. ct.	160
New Oriental Bank	50,000	£10	all	6 pr. ct.	160

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Names.	Shares.	Amount	Paid-up.	Last half-yearly.	Cash Rate.
Ahmedabad	600	1,000	1,000	90	1400
Alliance	1,500	1,000	all	20	440
Anglo-Indian	9,345	100	100	2	70
Bellary S & W Co. Ld. (Bellary)	371	500	all	7 pr. ct.	600
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	25	650
Bombay Cotton Manfg Co.	600	500	500	20	355xd
Central India	3,750	500	500	65	922½
City of Bombay Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	880
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	Rs. 25	520
Colaba Land & Mill	4,999	700	700	20	565
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	440
David Mill	1,400	500	500	Rs. 30	690
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	50	725
Empress	2,100	500	all	Rs. 25	505
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	15	415xd
Gordon Mills	2,000	1,000	1,000	Nil.	100
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	740
Hingunghat Mill	700	500	500	40	680
Howard and Bullough	1,500	500	500	25	510
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	715
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500		360
Indian Manfg.	900	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	865
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	Rs. 25	520 xd
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	Nil.	347
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	11,600	250	250	10	220
Jewraz Baloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	25	746xd
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	565
Khandesh	750	1,000	1,000	30	615
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	400	250	250	Nil.	200 nom
Khatao Mackunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	40	550
Leopold	13,500	100	100	Rs. 10	164
Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	35	790
Madras United	350	1,000	1,000	100	1,900x i
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil.	310
Mahboob Shahi Mills (Gulburga)	2,400	500	500	pr. ct.	500 nm
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	all	Rs. 50	1,132½
Mazagon	5,000	250	250	0	9
Morarji Gocul das	1,050	1,000	1,000	70	1,570xd
Maharaja Mysore S & M Co.	4,500	100	100	7 pr. ct.	105
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil.	175
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	20	615
Oriental	5,725	625	625	10	325
People of India	1,000	250	250	Nil.	10
Presidency Mills Co(Ld.)	743	1,000	1,000	35	1,005x i
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,400
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	60	1,305
Sonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil.	380
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil.	120
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	12	200x i
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Nil.	240
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	40	550
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	Nil.	355
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	24	300
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	620
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	680
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	1,025
Lord Reay Mfg.	445	1,000	1,000	20	620

PRESS COMPANIES.

Names.	Shares.	Amount	Paid-up.	Yearly.	Cash Rate.
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	7	1,050xd
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	450
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	60	815
Apollo	750	2,400	2,200	Nil.	205
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	410
Bombay Cotton	1,000	125	125	20	167½
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	1,000	..	520
Breul's Cawnpore Press Co. Ld.	500	200	200	16	90
Colaba	500	1,200	1,200	55	405
East India	350	1,000	1,000	130	1,290
English Press and Manfg. Fort	400	250	..	Rs. 20	170
French	150	8,500	8,500	150	1,100xd
Harvey and Sabapathy	300	500	all	20	510xd
Hengoli Press Co., Ld.	450	1450	500	30	450
Khangaum	750	100	all	..	165
Khangaum	240	450	450	54	405
Mahmadpura Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld.	300	500	500	pr. ct.	500
Mercantile	1,000	125	125	10	60xd
Mofussil Co	3,125	400	400	Rs. 40	430
Munmar M	1,000	250	all	Rs. 15	165
New Berar	1,200	500	500	45	530
New Indian	4,000	125	125	Rs. 10	92
Prince of Wales	602	500	500	40	385
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	50	120	500
Sassoon	300	500	500	2	500
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	25	1,150
Sind	400	2,000	750	50	510
Sorab Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	..	210
Volkart	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rs. 80	640

MISCELLANEOUS.

Names.	Shares.	Amount	Paid-up.	Last half-yearly.	Cash Rate.
Alcock Ashdown	1,000 750	200 150	200 150	10 7½	212½ 160
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	50
Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	12	90
Bapty Bros.	(6,625	200	185	18	39
Berar Oil Mills Co., Limited.	1,250	100	All.	Nil.	100 nom
Bombay Fire Insurance	600	2,500	1,000	70	750
Bombay & Burmah Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	135	3,425
Do. New Issue.	500	375	625	33½	855
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	5	93
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	6 pr. ct.	630
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	Rs. 37½	815
Deccan Ice Co.	1,170	100	100	4 pr. ct.	20
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	Nil	425
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills.	1,500	200	200	Rs. 14	162½
Empire Fire Insurance	5,000	5,000	1,000	7½ pr. ct.	1,000
Geyer & Co., Ld	500	100	70	..	70 nom
Indian Guarantee Surety-ship Assn.	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	11½
ndian Fire Insurance Co	250	4,000	1,000	90	1,100
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	75 exd
Kamp & Co.	4,000	200	175	26½	302½
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	300	30	90
Maharanee Ice Manufacturing Co.	3,500	100	100	Nil.	50
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Rs. 5	70
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	50
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	200	..	
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	50	12 pr. ct.	180
Oriental Loan	5,000	20	20	8 pr. ct.	15
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	7 pr. ct.	68
Port Canning Co.	6,000	1,000	1,000	20	355
Prince of Wales Firein.	250	18,000	1,000	N dvd	1,725
Royal Flour Mills	2,500	100	100	..	63
Soundy & Co.	1,000	100	100	9	80
Southwell and Austin	1,000	100	100 & 20	..	70
Treacher and Co	2,000	500	all	85	990
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100	100	10	92
Telephone Co.	9,200	125	25	5-8	11½
Western India Flour	..	..	..	..	71

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Names.	Shares.	Amount	Paid-up.	Last half-yearly guar.	Cash Rate.
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Do. Dragons	„ 13-1-6
1er Silver 17 Betterness	„ 106-8
1er Silver 17 Do.	„ 105-11
Spruce silver	„ 105

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Music at the Yacht Club, 5-45 p.m.
Music at the Esplanade, 5-45 p.m.
District Rifle Meeting, Distribution of Prizes.
Great Indian Circus, 9 p. m.
Columbia Skating Rink.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 11th :—Warora (s), from Calcutta. Yesterday :—Elektra (s), from Hongkong.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday :—Labourdonnais (s), for Aden, &c. ; Karagola (s), Karachi, &c. ; and Trifels (s), Hamburg, &c.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The s.s. Labourdonnais and the s. s. Trifels left the dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The s.s. Warora and the s.s. Elektra entered the dock on Tuesday and yesterday respectively.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.—The statement of traffic for the week ending 8th November, 1890, shows an increase of Rs. 1,328.

A SON MISSING.—Balcrishna Peeraji, of Coombosudu, is searching for his son, Rugunath, aged ten years, who was last seen by him on the 10th instant.

THEFT OF A GOLD NECKLACE.—Nursoo bin Annandji yesterday reported to the police that his daughter, a child of seven, had been robbed of her silver necklace.

NOBODY'S CHILD.—A prematurely born female infant was picked up from the dustbin in Duncan Road, by the municipal sweeper yesterday, and buried under orders of the Coroner.

DROWNED IN A TANK.—The body of a woman, named Sugooni, was found in a tank, near Parel, yesterday. An inquest was held and a verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

ESPLANADE POLICE COURT.—Mr. Richardson's court will be closed to-day and to-morrow on account of the Deewalee holidays. Mr. Cooper will hear the morning cases at 8 a.m. on both these days.

THE SALE OF JAIRAM SEWJEE'S PROPERTY.—In the notice of this sale, which appeared in our advertisement columns yesterday, the date printed is the 9th inst. This is an error ; the date for which the sale is fixed is the 19th.

NOT PROUD OF HIS BADGE.—Mehta Noorna, a victoria driver was yesterday placed before Mr. Hamilton, at the Girgaum Court for not wearing his badge conspicuously, as stipulated in his license, but under his coat. He was let off with a warning.

CHARGE OF GAMBLING.—Police Constables Nos. 146 W, and 1109 C., at the Girgaum Police Court, yesterday placed Kasum Baba and Bunder Bhawoo before Mr. Hamilton, on a charge of gaming in a public place. The accused were fined one rupee each and the cords and Re. 1-6 confiscated to Government.

DEWALI FIREWORKS.—Kurrim Ally and Vishrun were placed by the Police before Mr. Hamilton, at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, for letting off fireworks on the public roads, without permission. They were fined 8 annas each, and warrants were issued for three others who had not turned up to answer a similar charge.

THE ARYA BRAHMA SANSAD.—The annual social gathering, in connection with the "Arya Brahma Sansad," will take place on the Hindoo New Year's day, in Shri Balaji's Mandir, near Shri Bhooleshwar, at 6 p. m., when essays by students attending the school opened last year, under the auspices of the society, will be read, and prizes distributed to the deserving pupils.

PETTY THEFT.—An aerated waters manufacturer, named Suliman Sab, yesterday charged Ebram Hamin with the theft of two soda-water bottles, and a tumbler, which were entrusted to him to take to a friend near by, as was alleged. Accused was sentenced to 10 days' rigorous imprisonment by Mr. Hamilton, at the Girgaum Police Court.

ILLICIT SALE OF TODDY.—Inspector Fred Steers, of the Abkari Department, prosecuted Bundu Ganu yesterday, at the Girgaum Police Court, before Mr. Hamilton, with vending large quantity of toddy without a license, which he well knew was a pre-requisition. He was fined Rs.60, in default to undergo 2 months' simple imprisonment.

OBSTRUCTING THE THOROUGHFARE.—Jaffer Mahomed, a Borah, was, yesterday, brought up by the police at the Girgaum Police Court, before Mr. Hamilton, and fined Rs. 5, for obstructing the traffic. The plea was that fifteen men were as busy as they possibly could be, and the alleged obstruction of packages would soon have been remedied.

A FIRE.—At half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning a fire was detected in Kasaimohla, near the Crawford Market. It would appear a palmyra leaf, thrown over the chimney of Ebram Sait's bakery, got ignited, and as the fire was suppressed in ten minutes, the aid of the fire brigade was not needed. There was no damage worthy of mention.

BEWARE OF CRACKERS.—Huree Budin, a young Hindu, was brought in by his wife to the J. J. Hospital last night, with his right hand divided longitudinally, between the third and fourth metacarpal bones, right up to the wrist ; the thumb hangs loosely by. The injury was caused by a large cracker bursting in his hand.

REPORTED THEFTS.—Byramjee Bezonjee yesterday, reported that his office, in Bazar Gate Street, was broken into, and Rs. 111 stolen.—Virji Hurji, of Samuel Street, lodged a complaint against his servant, who is supposed to have decamped with currency notes, of the value of Rs. 610.—Gopal Narayen of Mahaluxmi reported that his house was broken into, and silver ornaments, &c., stolen.

MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB.—The Band of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme of music at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, this evening, at 5-45 :—

March	True till Death — Smith
Overture	King Stephen — Beethoven.
Valse	White Wings — Arr. Seaman.
Selection	Lucrezia Borgia — Donizitti.
Serenade	Birthday — Eroskdt.
Galop	Rotten Row — Keller Bella.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—The Band of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles will perform the following programme at the Esplanade Bandstand, at 5-45 this evening :—

Overture	The Bohemian Girl — Balfe.
Gavotte	Charming — Boggetti.
Selection	Ernani — Verdi.
Valse	Manolo — Waldteufel.
Scena e Duetto.	Il Trovatore — Verdi.
Quadrille	The Pride of Tralee — Westerdale.

GOD SAVE THE QEEN.

A CLEVER THIEF.—Dewjee Gowa, a Hindu, appeared before Mr. Richardson, at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, and charged a Mahomedan vagrant, named Jan Mahomed Khan Mahomed, with stealing a handkerchief, in which a sum of eleven annas was tied up. Complainant said he was looking on at a performance, at Danna Bunder, in the forenoon of the day previous, when he had the handkerchief, with the money, tied round his waist. He did not know that the accused had taken his money until a police sepoy saw him do it, and arrested him. His Worship convicted the accused, and sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

RIOTING IN THE UNIVERSITY GARDENS.—Ebrahim Elias and ten other natives, against whom a charge of rioting in the University Gardens had been pending since the 30th ult., were finally placed before Mr. Richardson, at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday. Mr. MacDermott, Superintendent of Police, pro ecuted ; and Mr. Sealy appeared for the tenth accused. The prisoners, who were employed at Colaba, waylaid a fellow-workman and maltreated him, and an affray ensued among them, in which sticks were used. Mr. MacDermott examined two more witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Sealy contended that there was no direct evidence to connect his client with the riot, although he was found drinking with some of the rioters at a subsequent period of the day. His Worship, in disposing of the case, discharged the last four accused, including Mr. Sealy's client. The other seven were convicted, and fined fifty rupees each, with the alternative of ten days' rigorous imprisonment.

A KNAVISH WIZARD.—Kursetbee alias Fatma and her paramour Barameah were brought up from Poona, and placed by Inspector Wilson before Mr. Hamilton, at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday. It would appear that the woman deceived the mother of Shaik Amin Lalu, a fitter on the G. I. P. Railway, by professing to be able to charm or perform some spell, whereby the fitter's father would be cured of a chronic disease. The first accused, after applying some eye salve to the patient, called for writing material, fire, and incense, on receiving which she shut herself up for the night, and would have no disturbance. Early next morning it was discovered the woman had robbed jewellery of the value of Rs. 360, out of which, jewellery, worth Rs. 229, was traced to the second accused in Poona. The evidence of the Poona policeman elicited that the first accused had, only a short time previous to arrest, served out a term of penal servitude for 2½ years, for theft. His Worship directed the production of the two Poona Marwarees concerned, and the parents of the fitter, adjourning the case for one week.

RASH DRIVING.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, Hajee Gunny Jan was again charged before Mr. Richardson, with driving a vehicle, in a manner so rash and negligent as to indicate a want of due regard for the safety of others. Mr. Shamrao Pandurang, solicitor, appeared for the accused, and cross-examined a Parsee priest who had given evidence against the accused on the previous day. No other evidence was called against the accused ; and Mr. N. M. Petit had declined to prosecute him. Mr. Shamrao urged that no offence had been proved against his client, who was frank and straightforward enough to admit that he had taken a glass of liquor ; but that admission did not show that he was intoxicated and incapable of taking care of himself. There were two other persons in the accused carriage at the time, who could state that he was driving on the right side of the road, and that it was owing to the default of Mr. Petit's coachman more than that of the accused, that, at the angular turn-off into Queen's Road, the collision did occur. It was denied that Mr. Petit's horse was knocked down or at all fell down in consequence of the accident. His Worship said he was not satisfied that the accused a one was to blame for the accident, and he was truthful enough to admit that he had taken liquor. He was therefore discharged.

A GRACEFUL PRESENTATION.

A CORRESPONDENT writes :—A very pleasing spectacle was witnessed on Tuesday evening, at the office of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., when the native employes of the firm and of the mill made a present of a very artistically manufactured silver tea-set and other appropriate articles to Mr. A. M. Gubbay, a partner of the firm, on the occasion of the celebration of the marriage of his eldest daughter Miss Flora Gubbay, with Mon. Jules Rueff, a wealthy citizen of Paris, which ceremony took place in that city the same day. The present was accompanied by an address congratulating Mr. Gubbay on the happy event, only regretting that it should have taken place so far away from them, at the same time expressing their good wishes for the welfare of the newly-married couple. Mr Framjee Sorabjee Barucha read the address, to which Mr. Gubbay replied in a few well-chosen words, thanking them for their kindness and assuring them that he valued the address more than its accompaniment. He concluded by saying that he would be happy to convey their best wishes to the proper parties. Later on in the evening a select number of friends of his community were invited by Mr. Gubbay to a dinner party at his residence, Braganza Hall, Byculla. A European string band enlivened the company with a selection of music during the evening.

THE PLAY "MAHOMET" IN ENGLAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—As the letter of "Geo B." may be considered by Indian Mahomedans to be officially inspired, it would be well to point out that the suppression of that play in England, a far more difficult task than in France, is only another instance of the scrupulous regard which her Majesty has for the religious feelings of her Mahomedan, as of all her subjects and of the wise advice tendered on this occasion by the Secretary of State for India. At the same time, it is interesting to note how "Geo. B." arrived at his conclusions. The process in which an "elegy" or "Marsia," more correctly "Marthia," on the death of the prophet Mahomed's grandson, Husain, is converted into "a play," is too curious not to deserve notice. "Marsia" is an "elegy" in which "a dirge" may, of course, occur. "Dirges" are not uncommon in "tragedy," and in a conventional sense "tragedy" is a "play" ; therefore "an elegy" is "a play" ; therefore the "Marsia" or "elegy" of Husain's martyrdom is "the *play* of Hasan and Husain." "Geo. B." however, contents himself with writing an introduction to a *jeu d'esprit* of Sir Lewis Pelly, who asked a member of the despised actor class to dramatize the elegy, and forthwith "Geo. B." concludes that every Anglo-Indian knows, in the play of Hasan and Husain, as performed in India and Persia, that the Prophet Mahomed is produced on the stage at every development of the plot. Considering that the prophet died long before the martyrdom of his grandson, I do not see how he could be referred to at every 'stage of the elegy which "Geo. B." converts into 'on the stage" and "the plot"—abominations to pious Mahomedans of both the Sunni and the Shiah persuasion (to the former of which by far the great majority of our Mahomedan fellow-subjects belong.) Indeed, there is no such thing as "a play" in Mahomedan literature in the proper sense of the word. The representation of everything that has, or has had, life is strictly prohibited by the Mahomedan religion, whether by painting, sculpture, or dramatizing among the Sunnis, and although the artistic Shiah Persians are, in some respects, a deviation from that rule, it will be news to them that the nine days' weeping in their houses and the tenth day's procession of what may be termed the commemoration funeral of their martyr Husain is called "a play." Indeed, it is a play in which the grief-stricken spectators are alike the audience and the actors, or in which the eloquent and solemn reciter of the sad historical event is the only actor, if such misuse of these terms may be permitted. The Sunnis tolerate the procession because the Shiah mourners are evidently in earnest, but, woe to them if, beyond lacerating their breasts, they look askance at Sunnis. Then there is bloodshed, unless checked by the presence of the British officials, I have myself led out the procession in either 1865 or 1866 with Nawab Nawazish Ali Khan, at Lahore, one of the very few places in India in which the white horse that fled to announce its master's death to his people, is taken out. As for the "Almighty" being "represented" in the elegy or play ; is not this a grevious misstatement ?—Yours, &c.,

G. W. LEITNER.

THE CHIN COUNTRY.

A FORT Tregear of Saturday's Mr. Pughe, commanding the Frontier Police, and Captain Shakespeare, Assistant Political Officer, arrived at Camp Lungkol on Tuesday to-day, having left Fort Tregear on the 29th ultimo. As yet they have visited seven Mollienpur villages which had never previously been visited by Europeans. The people everywhere are most friendly, and each village has supplied coolies to take the party to the next. The upper Koladyne was crossed by a Lushai cane suspension bridge with a single span of 100 yards. A large portion of the road is very good, leading along a level riding, and even the worst parts could without difficulty be made into a mule track.

To-day's march was the worst, as nearing this village the path led round some rocks, which were circumvented by a cleverly constructed series of ladders. On turning the corner above this place a glorious view was seen. Immediately below was a semi-circular basin surrounded by undulating grassy slopes ascending to oak-capped knolls. This is the best place yet seen in these hills. The elevation is from 5,000 to 5,500 feet. Water is plentiful and it is a grand situation for a station. The native name for this paradise means the "great sky plain." It is situated north-east of the Purum Tlang. The party proceed two days further north, passing close to Karuma's village. This Chief, who is a brother of Nikama and Lungleua, whose villages were burnt by the Northern Column, has expressed his intention of coming in to make his submission.

The employment of the natives of these hills as transport coolies is a novelty, they having hitherto steadfastly refused to carry loads.

Nothing has yet been found out regarding the sudden attack by the Chins on our ambuscade party a few nights ago. The Siyin chiefs are frightened, and refuse to come in to interview the Political Officer, so that we can only suspect the villages concerned. However, messengers have been sent to Kanphow, the head chief, and it is hoped he will shortly be persuaded to come in and talk the affair over. Otherwise the only thing is to be done is to proceed to punish each village in turn, as soon as a sufficient force is available to do so. At present the troops in garrison are far too debilitated to be sent out on *duty*.

Major Austin, 38th B I., and Surgeon-Major Ferrard, I. M. S., arrived with yesterday's convoy, the latter officer having come to take the place of Surgeon Hall, who was invalided to Myingyan last month.

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THE NATIVE PRESS.

SURAT'S WELCOME TO LORD HARRIS.

THE *Gujerat Mitra* says :—We welcome with feelings of unbounded joy and loyalty, our illustrious guest H. E. Lord Harris to this the Birthplace of the British Empire in India. It is to us a matter of immense satisfaction that the local corporation, officials and non-officials vieing with one another have all for the last few days been busy making grand preparations for according a warm and fitting reception to the distinguished visitor during his couple of days' short stay amongst us. This is as it should be, and we are glad that Surat despite its poverty has not been backward in the discharge of a truly loyal and a pleasant duty.

ANALYSIS OF WATER IN BOMBAY.

The *Indian Spectator* is sacrastic upon our civic fathers. It says :—It is a signal, though by no means a solitary instance of public spirit in municipal self-government, that a Corporation like that of Bombay should reject the proposal for a periodical analysis of the water used for consumption in town. The plea for rejection seems to be that, if acted upon, the proposal would cost something like Rs. 300 a month. Three hundred rupees for a population of eight lakhs ! What extravagance ! Surely people might afford to catch disease from bad water rather than entail such a burden on the civic fathers. It were another thing if the proposed expenditure referred to an increase to official salaries. One could see the beauty of that. But Rs. 300 for the health and comfort of 800,000 of the people ! The motion is likely to be revived. Let us see if we can't have good water, without extra charge, or with it.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

The *Rast Goftar* remarks :—The proud motto of the city of Bombay Municipality, "*Urbs prima in Indies*," namely the first city of this vast peninsula, is fully justified by the last annual report of the Municipal Commissioner Mr. H. A. Acworth He has been in charge of the office only since the 30th April last, yet he has been able to place before the Corporation a lucid Administration Report for the official year 1889-90, and by a clear marshalling of figures, the prosperous condition of its finances is made transparent to the general public. Its sources of revenue are vast ; its expenditure also is equally great. If Mr. Ollivant had stayed a little longer, he would have been able to give an interesting *resume* of his nine years' administration during which vast improvements were made, not only in the health of the towns, its appearance and finances but works of great magnitude and of enduring benefit to the present and succeeding generations were undertaken and are now in progress.

MEPHETIC GAS POISONING.

The *Dinbandhu* complains :—Deaths from mephetic gas poisoning amongst the unfortunate Municipal labourers, who have to go down into man-holes to clean sewers, are getting so very frequent that the special attention of the Municipal Commissioner is necessary to check them. Only a few days ago a labourer of the Health Department while cleaning a sewer at Ripon Road was asphyxiated by the inhalation of the gas and died. As this is not the first case of mephetic gas poisioning resulting in death amongst municipal drain cleaners, we think no time should be lost to adopt such precautions as would minimize the danger. To us it appears very strange that the Drainage Department should not have issued strict and sufficient orders in this matter or provided the workmen with adequate appliances. Will no corporator interogate the Commissioner on this point in order to find out where the negligence lies ? The opinion of the jury insinuates that there is inadvertence and negligence somewhere, and we think it is the duty of the Corporation to find it out and to direct the adoption of adequate measures to save the lives of poor labourers.

THE HOME CHARGES.

The *Gujerati* sounds a note of alarm, remarking :—Nearly forty millions sterling are annually drained away to England in the form of tribute and other remittances. The entire land-revenue is absorbed in the maintenance of the army. The ordinary expenditure is yearly growing, and the excess of disbursements over receipts during the last ten years amounts to more than three crores. This condition of Indian finance is sufficiently disappointing, and recalled to our mind what Mr. Morley has said in one of his instructive books regarding the causes of the break-up of the Roman Empire. In truth, he explains, "the most careful and competent students know now that the empire slowly fell to pieces, partly because the political arrangements were vicious and inadequate, but mainly because the fiscal and economic system impoverished and depopulated one district of the vast empire after another." This observation, though only partially applicable to the present condition of India, is sufficiently suggestive, and we hope this year's National Congress will take up the question of Home Charges and military expenditure in right earnest.

MR. MCLAUCHLAN SLATER ON EARLY MARRIAGES.

The *Rast Goftar* says :—While the subject of early marriages is being actively discussed in India and in England, Mr. McLauchlan Slater, of the Oriental Life Assurance Compay, has issued a very timely appeal to his constituents,—in fact, to the whole class of educated Hindus. He begins with the admission that no one is more interested in the longevity of the native community of India than himself and therefore, his remarks are eminently practical. He it was who first began the experiment of placing native lives in the same position as European lives in India and, thus far, the experiment has met with marked success. It is a pleasure to think that well-selected native lives can be put upon the same footing as European lives in India with great advantage to the company which accepts them at that rate. It does not require one in the exceptional position of Mr. Slater to state that the abolition of early marriages will conduce to a long and healthy life and will thus add to the sum of human happiness. But from his unique position he can speak with special weight and authority upon the material benefits that would accrue to the Hindu community if they were to regulate their social conditions in better accordance with the laws of Nature and reason.

The *Subodha Patrika* observes :—Mr. McLauchlan Slater, manager of the Oriental Life Assurance company appeals to the Native community especially Hindu "to do all they can in encouraging marriages at a more mature age than is now the practice, as an essential condition of attaining to greater average longevity." As a result of this he promises that native lives which through Mr. Slater's exertions have already come to be recognized as equal to European in assurance value will prove even superior to them. Medical testimony assures us that longevity and healthy offspring result from late marriages, and vital statistics, Mr. Slater states, bear out the theory. But great and manifest as are the benefits of the reform they require cultivated minds to appreciate them, and when appreciated resolution and courage are wanted to put the reform into practice. One or the other, or even both, are wanting among us and for that reason, without the help of legislation, the chances of the practice enjoined coming into vogue are few and far between. For all that, we like to see the reform urged upon the native community from all points of view. And the one which Mr. Slater takes is hardly less important than any other.

THE COMING CONGRESS.

Not only in Bombay but in Madras also there appears to be little movement about the coming Congress. This year's Congress is not to be a grand affair and our principal duty is no more than to elect delegates as per scheme sanctioned last year. But still we do not think that we should be so silent as we appear now to be. Messrs. Namjoshi and Gokhale have suggested a number of questions on which public opinion must be formed before they are taken in hand by the National Assembly and if the various Congress Committees begin to devote their time to this work it may not be yet too late. We have also to settle the constitution for the Congress this year and lastly to define what action should be taken next year with respect to the reform of Legislative Councils so that Parliamentary recognition may be obtained for the principle of election. The question of this year's president is also not yet finally settled, though Dr. Rajendra Lal's election appears to be probable. Mr. Herbert Gladstone has been obliged to respectfully decline the offer made to him and suggestions have come from certain quarters that a similar offer be made to Mr. Caine. Others think that Madras should have the honour this year and indeed it might be said to be almost over-due. The decision in all these matters must be by the desire of the majority. We have only suggested the various questions and we hope that our Committees will now take to serious works.—*Mahratha*.

Is M. Jules Simon right (the *Daily News* asks) in saying that the boys and girls of this generation are bored to death when they try to read "Robinson Crusoe" ? The assertion arises out of some general observations on the great difference in the taste for fiction between one people and another, and even between one and another generation of the same people. M. Simon confesses himself unable to account for a fact which he nevertheless declares to be "incontestable." There is Richardson's "Sir Charles Grandison," a book which, under a romantic guise, is classed by him as "a work of education and philosophy which has for its aim to teach us 'the art of giving.'" "Have you read it ?" asked the venerable ex-Minister of Education, and he adds, "If you have not, don't. As it charmed me in my youth, I conclude it would seem to you insufferably dull."

OPENING THE JAPANESE DIET.

THE *Hochi Shimbun* publishes the official programme for the opening ceremony of the Imperial Diet *Teikoku Gikai Kai-in-shiki*) on the 3rd inst.

1. The members of each House to assemble at their respective Houses at 9 a. m.; members holding patents of nobility and civil and military officials to be in full dress ; the rest in frock coats. Orders to be worn. Persons taking part in the ceremony *ex officio** to be in full dress.

2. By "persons taking part *ex officio*" are meant Princes of the Blood holders of the Great Order of Merit, the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, the Ministers of State, the President and Vice-President of the Privy Council, the Minister of the Imperial Household, the Privy Councillors, the Chief Chamberlain and the Commandant of the Body Guards.

3. At half-past ten His Majesty will leave the Palace and proceed to the House of Lords. Imperial Procession. National Ceremony. The Sanretsu-in will form His Majesty's suite.

4. The Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of the two Houses will assemble within the gates to receive His Majesty.

5. The President of the House of Peers will conduct His Majesty to the Benden (Imperial Waiting Room).

6. After His Majesty has reached the Waiting Room the members of the two Houses, in accordance with the instructions of the presidents and the plan of the ceremonial, will take their places.

7. The Master of the Ceremonies, will pray His Majesty to come to the Diet.

8. The Emperor will follow the Master of Ceremonies to the House. The Great Seal will be handed to His Majesty by the Chamberlains. The Princes of the Blood and the suite will form up in their places

9. The Emperor will mount the Throne. All the members will salute. The Minister President of State will present to His Majesty the Imperial Message. The Emperor will read the Message. At its conclusion all present will make an obeisance. The President of the House of Peers, advancing to the Throne, will receive the Imperial Message and carry it to his place.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12.

REUTER'S London financial telegram of last evening reports an advance of ¼ per cent. in Consols, at 94⅞ ; but no alteration in the market rates of discount. Indian Sterling Loan was also unaltered at 105. The price of Silver declined ⅛d. per oz., making it 47 ⅜d., and Rupee Securities were ½ per cent. lower in each denomination, at £77⅛ and £81⅛, respectively. In New York, the metal was three-eighths of a cent. lower, at 102⅜ cents. Exchange on London being a quarter cent. down, at 4·85 dollars. In Paris, French Rentes were one per cent. lower, at 93⅜ ; Exchange on London was a centime higher, at fcs. 25·35. A further decline of 10s. is reported in Braziers Copper, at £65 per ton. Coal Freight from Cardiff to Bombay is still quoted at 14s. per ton.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet, all round, again yesterday, and a further decline of 1-16d. per lb. in the price of Mid.-American, at 5 5-16d. took place ; Surats being unaltered in value. American Arrivals, however, were 1-64d. higher in all positions excepting December-January deliveries, for which there was no change. The total Sales amounted to only 7,000 bales, inclusive of 800 East Indian. The day's Imports were heavy, at 41,000 bales.

A telegram from London through Reuter under yesterday's date reports that Messrs. Neil Brothers' estimate states that the American Cotton crop will be fully eight million bales.

The Manchester Market was quiet, and reduced prices are quoted for several descriptions of staple goods. 7lb. and 5¼in. 11lb. Grey Shirtings were 1d. lower ; and 8¼lb. had declined 1¼d. 39in. Jacconets and 45½in. Mulls were ¼d. lower. 40s. Mule Twist was unaltered at 9¾d. per lb.

The price of Mid-American Cotton was unchanged in New York yesterday, at 9⅜ cents ; but February Futures had recovered four points, being quoted at 9·51 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were heavy at 64,000 bales, making the figures from the opening of the season compare as follows with those of the preceding two years :—

	1890.	1889.	1888.
Tuesday's Receipt	64,000	54,000	43,000
Three days' do.	166,000	160,000	131,000
Since 1st Sept.	2,565,000	3,367,000	1,950,000

The Markets and Banks and Offices generally, having been closed to-day for the *Diwali* holidays, we have nothing of local interest to chronicle this evening beyond the Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday, which were as follows :—

Cotton	837 bales.
Wheat	11,900 cwt.
Linseed	1,644 „
Gingelly	2,701 „
Ground Nuts	1,050 „

COMMERCIAL NEWS.
LONDON, Nov. 11.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

Good Dholleras	4 3-16.
The Manchester market has been quiet.	
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight ...	1s. 5⅞d.
2½ per cent. Consols for account ...	94⅛
3 per cent. French Rentes	94⅜
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	77½
4½ per cent. „	81½
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	105
Bar Silver	47⅛

THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11.

10 p.m.	79·3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

6 a.m.	76·3
10 a.m.	81·7
2 p.m.	86·3
4 p.m.	84·5

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORTS.

NOVEMBER 12.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
Continent of Europe.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
America.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
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Telegrams for the Argentine Republic and beyond can only be accepted via Galveston.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

LATEST dates of foreign messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 12th November, 1890.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	11	3	25	8	55
Teheran	12	2	40	...	15
Suez	12	2	35	...	34

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending on 8 p.m., 12th November, 1890.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	8	...	4
„ Kurrachee ...	...	6	...	1
„ Madras	...	18	...	1

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVAL.—NOVEMBER 9.

Budgen, Br-Genl, Bo Staff, off leave, from England.

DEPARTURES—NOV. 11

Crosthwaith, Col, Bo, R A, on duty, to Mhow.
Babington, 2nd Lt, Bengal, R E, on duty, to Mhow.
Coldstream, 2nd Lt, Bengal, R E, on duty, to Mhow.
Walker, Major-Genl, Bengal, R A, on duty, to Poona.
Spring, Col, Bo, R A, on duty, to Poona.

NOVEMBER 12.

Day, Surgeon, Ms, Medical Staff, on duty, to Deolali.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

BATTERY ORDERS BY CAPTAIN A. K. LESLIE, OFFICIATING COMMANDANT, B. V. ARTILLERY.

Bombay, 13th November, 1890.

1. On Saturday next, the 15th instant, the Battery will parade at the Apollo Bunder, at 4-15 p.m. punctually, and proceed to Oyster Rock Fort for drill at the 10" R. M. L. Guns. Dress :—"Drill order."

2. The following drills will take place this week :—

Morning Drills :—Friday 14th. Gun drill in the Arsenal Compound.

Evening Drills :—To-day 13, 6-30 p.m.—Sword drill at Head-quarters.

To-morrow, (Friday) 14, 6-30 p.m.—Carbine drill at Head-quarters.

By Order,
(Sd.) J. S. SLATER, Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, B. V. A

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. THE HON'BLE L. H. BAYLEY, COMMANDING B. V. RIFLES.

Bombay, 13th November, 1890.

1. The Regiment will parade on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 4-45 p.m. at the Cruickshank Road, end of the Parade Ground. Red uniform, helmets, arms and accoutrements. Members who are at the Tram Terminus, at Colaba, Parel Road, Grant Road, and Girgaum at 3-50 p. m., and those met on the way will have their fares paid. Members defraying their own fares will be refunded the amount on applying after parade to the Instructors and producing their tram tickets.

Cadets will be conveyed in special tram cars on Saturday, the 15th instant, as follows :—

Byculla School and Byculla Scottish School.—Two single cars leave Victoria Gardens at 3-50 p. m.

St. Mary's School.—One double and one single car leave Victoria Gardens at 3-50 p.m.

2. Officers and Volunteers attending the distribution of prizes at Bandora this afternoon are requested to wear white uniform. Officers, swords and shoulder belts. Non-Commissioned Officers and Volunteers, side arms.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

1. It is notified for information that the following competition will take place on the date and at the time specified :—

Carbine Stakes.—(To-day Thursday) 13th instant, between the hours of 7 and 9-30 a.m.

2. There will be drill at the Riding School for all members on Friday, the 14th instant, at 7 a.m.

By Order,
(Sd.) T. W. C. LEATHEM, Captain and Adjutant, B. V. Rifles.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

HARVEY—November 5, at The Aske, Bray, Co. Wicklow, the wife of Colonel C L Harvey, A Adjutant-General, Lucknow, of a son. (By telegram.)

MARRIAGE.

RUEFF—GUBBAY—November 11, at the "Temple" Rue de la Victoir, Paris, by the Grand Rabbi of France, assisted by the Rabbi of Paris, Monsieur Jules Rueff, to Flora, eldest daughter of A. M. Gubbay, Esquire, of Bombay. (By telegram.)

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CARNDUFF—November 7, at Darjeeling, the wife of H W C Carnduff, C S, of a son.
D'OLIER—November 4, at Tindharia, the wife of C R D'Olier, of a son.
EGERTON—October 20, at Dalhousie, the wife of Lieut C P Egerton, B S C, of a son.
STENT—November 3, at Trichinopoly, the wife of William K Stent, Executive Engineer, State Railways, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WEIR—ROSS—November 6, at Union Chapel, Dhurrumtollah, by the Rev Winter R Le Quesne, Thomas Weir, to Minnie, only daughter of the Rev James Ross, of Glasgow, (formerly of Union Chapel).

DEATHS.

EGERTON—November 3, at Dalhousie, the infant son of Charles and Lilian Egerton, aged 2 weeks.
MOSELEY—October 27, at Mount Lavinia, Ceylon, Litchfield Moseley, late of the Doors.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1890.

IN their Resolution on the Report of the Director of Public Instruction, the Government of Bombay have no new departure to chronicle. The conditions of the year were normal, and no intruding parsimonies on the part of the Supreme Government compelled them to restrict their operations or to change the course of their educational policy. They recognize in the working of the department an application of the principles laid down after the receipt of the report of the Education Commission. The Grant-in-aid Code has been freely applied, and the consequent expansion of private enterprise has exceeded all anticipations. Two years ago the future policy of the department was outlined in the following sentence :—"The creation of a valuable fee revenue, which last year aggregated ten and three-quarter lakhs of rupees, is no small achievement, and the model institutions which the State will still maintain, with its agencies of inspection and its training colleges, are the best aids which Government can promise education in the future." In the present resolution a continuation of that policy is foreshadowed. Government find in the report of the operations of the year 1889-90, proof of the "sagacity with which the department was administered, and with which new impulses were given to it during the administration of his Excellency the late Governor." The intention to build up a substantial fee revenue has been adhered to, and with continued success. In the first year of the present Provincial Contract—that is to say in 1887-88—fees contributed 20·62 per cent. of the total outlay upon education ; last year they contributed 21·46, or in actual figures, while at the beginning of the contract the fee income was ten and three-quarter lakhs, last year it was Rs. 12,16,000. Those who are concerned about the education of the masses need not, however, be alarmed. Popular education is not being starved, even though the people who are able to pay for their schooling are being invited to be a little more ready to pay for it. While the expenditure on primary education is increasing, the proportion which fees bear to it is diminishing. It is in the outlay on University education and higher education generally that fees are becoming an increasing element. Towards the cost of university education they last year contributed 32 per cent., as compared with only 25 per cent. two years before. In the finance of secondary schools fees have an even larger part, for they here bear the proportion of 45 per cent. to the whole expenditure. We have no desire to enter here into the question whether the proportion is in either case larger than it ought to be, regard being had to the paying capacity of the pupils or their parents. It is on record that in the view of the Education Commission the fees paid nine years ago were as high as the people could afford to pay. At the same time it may be said that for every rupee which has to be paid in University fees in India a pound sterling has to be paid by the corresponding class in England—a fact which goes far to reconcile us with the growth of the fee revenue of the University in recent years.

The question is of sufficient interest to justify much fuller treatment than it has met with in either the Report or the Resolution. The fee question, it is well-known, was brought under the notice of Government during the year by a somewhat serious incident at Poona, the sudden falling off of the attendance at the Deccan College by more than a third of the number of students. This we should have thought was an educational incident of sufficient importance to warrant a reasonably informing method of treatment in what purports to be a report of the operations of the Educational Department during the year. All, however, that Mr. Chatfield thinks it necessary to say on the subject is that "Mr. Selby . . . . . complains that the attendance has fallen off owing to an increase in the fee rates. Since the close of the official year Government has attended to this complaint, and ordered the old rates to be restored." Mr. Chatfield might have told us more on the subject. He certainly could not have told us less. The raising of the fees of the Deccan College was not an accident, nor was it a playful freak. It was deliberately resolved upon as a part of the policy of Goverment in this matter of fees, and whether the reduction was ill or well advised, a report which purports to give an intelligible account of the operations of the department should have told us a good deal more than Mr. Chatfield has told us concerning the circumstances under which the fees were thus raised and lowered. The passage from the Resolution of 1887-88 from which we have quoted emphasizes the reliance of Government upon aided institutions. There has been no abatement of their reliance in the interval. Private enterprise, Government say, is becoming the chief power in educating the people, and there seems no falling off in the quality of the education thus provided which would warrant the State in itself assuming a proportionately larger part of the burden. As a matter of fact the Government is receding somewhat from the field. Five years ago it expended upon its own educational institutions rather under eight and a half lakhs out of a total outlay of Rs. 41,43,000 ; last year it expended a little over eight lakhs out of 56½ lakhs of expenditure. Government say that "the vastly increased employment of municipal and local boards in the management of primary education is another marked feature of recent years." So it is, and for that reason we wish the Director of Public Instruction had given some general idea of the manner in which these bodies are acquitting themselves of the task entrusted to them. There are, it is true, two paragraphs in the report devoted to the educational work done under Local Boards and Municipalities respectively. But if the object of the compiler had been to avoid general conclusions on this important subject, he could not have succeeded more thoroughly than he has. Concerning the Central Division he quotes a paragraph from the report of Mr. Kirkham, which is as communicative as need be concerning the schools themselves, but in which nothing whatever is said concerning the relation of the schools to the Local Boards. Mr. Chatfield's compilation from the report of the Southern Division seems to have been made with an almost equal determination to say nothing that is worth saying, and though his idea of what a report should be expands somewhat when he comes to report upon the Northern Division, it is to little purpose.

It is true that Mr. Giles is quoted as saying that the machinery by which the administration of the village schools has been conducted under the revised District Boards Act works smoothly and without friction, and that the Taluka Boards have in many instances shown an intelligent application to their duties. But this is the only intelligible piece of information which is given concerning the working of schools under the Local Boards in the Northern Division. There is one passage in the paragraph under reference which should either have been omitted or its meaning explained. Mr. Giles, it is observed, notes that some of the larger villages were alarmed by the prospects of promotion to municipal rank, and withdrew children from school in the hope of reducing expenditure. The promotion of these villages, it is added, has since been effected, and matters have settled down. If the facts had been set out at due length and in due order, it would have been apparent that they throw an important light upon one of the later tendencies of mofussil opinion in regard to local self-government. A few months ago we pointed out that in a number of the large villages and small towns in Khandeish and elsewhere which had been marked out for creation as municipalities, the inhabitants were showing a strong disinclination to accept the onerous honours of local self-government. Now we should have liked to learn something concerning the train of reasoning by which the people in these villages in the Northern Division persuaded themselves to withdraw their children from school. The calculation that if they gave the municipality that was to be constituted only an empty school to keep up, they would have so much less to pay in local rates, could not spontaneously have suggested itself to these people. The most reasonable explanation is that the Brahmins of the villages threatened with promotion started the movement ; and yet these are the people who would naturally take the lead in these municipalities which have been imposed upon the inhabitants against their will. All that Mr. Chatfield tells us on the subject, however, is that "the promotion of these villages has since been effected, and matters have settled down," which means that the schools have passed or will ultimately pass into the hands of the people who more than any others are responsible for the emptying of the schools. Some guidance as to the fitness of municipalities thus created against their will would not have been out of place in a report which proposes to deal with the relation between local self-government and education. Until two years ago the reports of district officers on the schools under the local boards and municipalities were invariably quoted from in the Director's report. But as that document seems year by year to be brought nearer to the irreducible minimum which will make the preparation of it a work rather for the binder than for the printer, we do not expect to see the Collectors brought in again to supply the deficiencies of the department. The result is that whoever takes up the thirty-seven pages to which Mr. Chatfield has affixed his signature with any expectation of ascertaining, for instance, what is the state of education in the Mofussil, will put them down again in disappointment. For further example, we should have supposed that it was not beyond the function of the Director of Public Instruction to report upon the state of technical education in the Presidency. The subject has been in the minds of Government and the public for years past, and Mr. Chatfield might have felt assured that a page or two devoted to an intelligent as well as intelligible estimate of the present condition and prospects of that branch of education in Bombay would have been appreciated. Instead of giving that, however, he reprints a paragraph from a newspaper report of a speech delivered by Lord Reay seven months ago. Now this, and much like it, is not what the public want ; we should imagine it is not altogether what Government want. If the reports of the department are thus to grow less and less informing year by year, we would suggest that they should henceforth be limited to the mere abstract tables. If a sense of the fitness of things should lead the Director once in a way to review any special aspect of the work of his department, he might do so, provided he abandoned once for all the bald mechanical method which for some years past has given us compilations in place of reviews, and has set the public asking why the Education Department, of all others in the administration, should present itself to the world as bereft of the faculty of expression, and as the originator of the dullest and least informing reports which are issued under the Government of Bombay.

HOME opinion, as we anticipated, interprets the Eccles Election as a pronouncement not so much in favour of Home Rule, about which people are concerning themselves very little, as in favour of a partial Eight Hours Bill. But the same issue raised in any other constituency might be as fatal to the Liberal Candidate as, for local reasons, it was to the Conservative at Eccles. Even Mr. Labouchere has advised the miners in the Forest of Dean to keep clear of the Eight Hours Bill, and the whole textile industry of Lancashire is against it. The Eight Hours Bill, therefore, will not be a safe card to play for the general election. Mr. Gladstone's speeches—which by the way are strangely wanting in fire or newness of ideas—put Ireland still at the head of the Liberal programme, and he speaks as if he expected to win on that issue. Even if his anticipation should be justified, however, an immediate, or indeed an early enactment of a Home Rule Bill is looked upon as highly improbable. Lord Hartington some months ago spoke significantly of a stubborn resistance within the citadel after the outworks had gone, and plainly declared that the defeat of the Government at the next general election would not settle the question whether or not Home Bill should be granted to Ireland. It is believed accordingly that the immediate result of a Gladstonian victory at the polls would be a prolonged and stubborn battle, lasting in one shape or another over two or three sessions, between a Liberal House of Commons and a House of Lords in which the Marquis of Hartington,—then become Duke of Devonshire, a change which is now looked upon as imminent—will give cohesion to the intellectually strong group of Unionist peers. The general belief is that two general elections, and not one, will be required to settle the question, and there is always the possiblity of serious disagreement between the English Home Rulers and the others, especially since Mr. Gladstone has not even yet declared what his scheme is.

THE genial and industrious scholar Darab Dastur Peshotan Sanjana favoured us yesterday with a contribution which supplements his paper on next-of-kin marriages in Ancient Iran which was read a year or two since before the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. Since that paper was read Madame Dieulafoy's striking romance of "Parysatis" has given wider currency to the received traditionary and historical belief on this subject. Madame Dieulafoy, with all her pretensions to knowledge concerning Persian antiquities, takes Parysatis as she finds her in tradition, the consort of her brother Darius, and Artaxerxes wedded in succession to two of his nearest blood relations. Inquiry into the latest results of philosophical and ethnographic investigation would, however, have warned the gifted Frenchwoman against a too ready acceptance of conventional beliefs on this subject. We need not here reproduce either the earlier or the later of the Dastur's arguments on the subject. It is sufficient to say that he has gone far to establish the proposition that the Pehlvi terms the use of which has led to a belief that next-of-kin marriages were common in early Iranian society have a much wider meaning than has hitherto been attached to them. European Iranists seem to have come round of late to the conclusion which the Bombay Dastur has set forth with so much industry and clearness—a result which must be regarded with gratification. For though, as George Eliot says, we cannot reform our ancestors, it is always satisfactory when we learn that they were better than they have been credited with being.

THE prospectus of the Bombay Gymkhana closed meeting to be held next month, which has just been issued by Mr. Bentinck, the Honorary Secretary, is sufficiently attractive to secure the patronage of all sportsmen concerned. The prizes have been judiciously allotted, and those who affect Walers in preference to Arabs and country-breds, have not now the old excuse for holding back. The meeting should prove highly successful, and it is to be hoped that the "lep" races will not be the least interesting feature of the fixture.

THE *Madras Times* observes :—We would go further than our Commander-in Chief, who points out that the Madras sepoy is next to nothing without batta. We would suggest that the marching and all other batta should be "doubled" for the troops of the Madras Army. The result of this, in all probability, would be that a great deal, if not all, of the vanished popularity of the service would re-appear. At any rate, now that the discovery of what was wrong has been made, it is easy to prescribe the remedy. With double "batta" the Madras regiments would possibly again be able to rank with the best troops in the country ; and it is a great pity they were ever deficient in their "batta backbone," that is to say, "popularity."

CAPTAIN WOODWARD, of the flag-ship Duke of Wellington, at Portsmouth, who earned his C. B. for distinguished service in Burma, will be placed on the retired list shortly, and settle down upon an estate in Shropshire left to him by his late brother.

A VERY flagrant instance of the Indian confidence trick took place a few days ago in Delhi, says the Lahore paper :—A fakir met one Hazari Mull in Lall Khua Bazaar, and asked for alms. A pice or two were made over to him, and in return, it is said, the fakir presented him with a pinch of what seemed to be dust, with directions to use it with quicksilver and lime, and the whole would turn to silver. I have not been told whether he tried it or not, but the fakir paid him a visit at his house and there pretended to make things turn to gold. Hazari Mull, otherwise a cunning man of business, was taken off his guard, and in his anxiety to get rich all at once, was induced by the fakir to deliver up to him his gold and silver, all of which he promised to increase tenfold. Having got the valuables, he pretended to place them in an earthenware pot, the mouth of which was securely fastened before being placed on the fire, where it was to be heated three days. After which he (the fakir) would return and produce the contents. The complainant waited till the appointed time was up, and then, as the fakir did not show himself, he opened the pot, and found nothing. His jewellery was gone, and the fakir was not to be found. In his grief Hazari Mull ran to the police, but the police told him it was a case of cheating, and he should go to the magistrate.

THE *Pioneer* observes that at a meeting of Bombay Socialists the other day, Mr. Gostling, the chairman, resented the "unwarrantable liberty" which had been taken at the last meeting by some person, who had placed tracts relating to the Christian religion on the chairs where the Socialists were to sit. The tract distributors might perhaps better employ their time in sowing their seeds in more fruitful ground, remarks our contemporary ; but surely the feeble artifices of the adherents of such an effete creed as Christianity should excite the compassion rather than the anger of the great minds who assemble in the Framji Cowasjee Hall. Mr. Gostling and his friends can surely not be afraid that a mere religious tract can be a stumbling-block to the Socialist brethren, the men who "have ransacked the ages, spoiled the climes," and with the gathered wisdom of all times, superstition discarded and creeds transcended, modestly ask to be allowed to construct the world on improved principles. It is one of the difficulties of playing at Socialism, however, that the players cannot always act up to the part.

THE Calcutta Port Commissioners at their last meeting gave the following opinion as to the spontaneous combustion of jute. The Commissioners observed that they do not agree with the Harbour Master in assigning "spontaneous combustion" as the cause of the fire. They would refer particularly to the investigations made early in 1882 as to the cause of a similar fire on board the ship Ellen Stuart and to the finding of the Court of inquiry in that case, as recorded at page 663, Vol. XII, of the Commissioners' Proce

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT TAUNTON.

LONDON, Nov. 12.

It is admitted by the Railway Company that the accident at Taunton yesterday was owing to a mistake made by the signalman, who has since been arrested.

Those killed and injured in the accident, which occurred at midnight, were mostly emigrants returning from the Cape.

After the collision the first carriage of the train caught fire and six of the imprisoned passengers were burnt to death. The cries of the unfortunate people are described as having been terrible.

THE AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

The American cotton crop is estimated by the trade at eight million bales.

THE TICINO RISING.

LONDON, Nov. 12.

Castioni, the leader of the rising at Ticino, who fled to England, has been released from custody. The Queen's Bench refusing to extradite him as a political offender, though he admitted the charge of shooting brought against him.

THE ORIENTAL CONGRESS.

The Committee of Orientalists have fixed London during next September as the place of meeting for the International Oriental Congress. Doctor Leitner has been appointed the Secretary for organising the meeting.

PANIC IN NEW YORK.

A great depression has taken place in prices at New York where a panic has taken place in the last two days on the Stock Market.

The London Market in sympathy has been affected, but has improved owing to the expected payment into the Bank of England of two millions of gold.

THE INCOMING MAIL.

ADEN, Nov. 11.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Sutlej, with the outward English mails of the 31st ult., left here for Bombay, at 7 p.m., to-day.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR ON TOUR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NERIAD, Nov. 12.

H. E. the Governor arrived in the afternoon, and received an address from the Municipality. In replying to the suggestion that unpaid Magistrates should sit six, instead of two, days in the week, he said that the system on trial should not be condemned too soon. Regarding the deficiency of the police, he said, the question was under consideration of Government to see from statistics if crime was increasing; and regarding the feeder lines the consideration of Government was not to pledge itself to any favourable terms. In the meantime when the plan formulated he thought they might get the sanction of Government to experiment upon. He next received an address from the Kaira Local Board; and congratulated the progress of agriculture. His Excellency left afterwards for Kaira.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, Nov. 11.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Carthage arrived here this morning.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Chusan arrived here this evening.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 11.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Drummond left here this morning and Clan Matheson left here for Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta this morning.

The Anchor Line steamer Hispania left here for Bombay this morning.

THERE are a good many days before we lose the Governor, writes the *Madras Times*, and it is perhaps too early to indulge in speculations as to who will succeed him. But if I had to play the role of a sporting prophet or tipster, I should ask you to print in a line all to itself the name of Lord Jersey. Already on his way to an appointment which shows that he will leave England, and which is not so "fat" a thing as the Governorship of Madras, there can be little doubt that this nobleman will be very ready to accept office. To this may be added his personal friendship with Lord Connemara, and the insight into our local politics which he must have acquired during his long visit to Madras. If the fates send us Lord and Lady Jersey, we may, and will, no doubt, be very thankful."

A HOME Paper contains the following remarks on wire fencing:—Much has been written of late about wire fencing, and it remains to be seen whether farmers will take it down *suo proprio motu*, or whether hunts will pay for its removal during the hunting season, replacing it at their own cost when the last fox shall have been killed next spring. An Australian correspondent informed us the other day how colonial sportsmen made light of wire; and so it may come to pass that the hunter of the future will possibly be described as a "good wire jumper, in addition to enjoying a reputation for cleverness over such comparatively harmless obstacles as wood and water. Our hunting readers, to whom we especially address ourselves, will not have forgotten that various questions in connection with hunting have been from time to time discussed. In the season which is now close upon us, it is to be hoped that friction between those whose good-will is necessary to keep hunting going, will be reduced to a minimum, and that the people who are permitted to ride where they please, will not forget that it is on sufferance only. Farmers, on the other hand, will not judge too hardly the occasional shortcomings of those who, in the heat of the chase, forget the price of wheat—or even the appearance of it.

THE dwindling character of the population of France constitutes a serious social problem, and in view of this fad M. Lagneau thinks that the greatest Frenchman is he who is the father of the largest family. He proposes, therefore, that for every child born to them, French citizens shall be endowed with an additional Parliamentary franchise. It is an ingenious suggestion, but it remains to be seen whether its adoption will have the desired effect of perceptibly increasing the population of France. There have been times, in the corrupt history of our own electoral system, when the right to "poll early and poll often" would have been almost as good as an annuity; but in contemporary France a vote is not a very saleable commodity. At the best the possession of several votes would only entitle an elector to be treated with exceptional deference by candidates and to pester members frequently for petty favours. These are small things to set against the expenses and responsibilities of paternity, and are hardly likely to induce the cultivation of that "bump of philoprogenitiveness" which is so lamentably deficient in the average Gallic skull.

THE German Students' Association gave a grand *commers* at Berlin on October 23rd, in honour of Count von Moltke, at which 2,000 persons were present, including many well known in the military, literary, and artistic world. Pastor Rogge delivered a speech extolling the veteran Field Marshal, and Professor Treitscke spoke on the German army. A letter was read from Count von Moltke thanking the students for the honour done to him, and a congratulatory telegram was despatched to him.

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, Oct. 23.

A FAMOUS Englishman who, throughout his long, laborious, and useful career, never got a tithe of the reward to which his talents and his valour entitled him, has just passed away in the person of Sir Richard Burton. He was in his sixty-ninth year, and he died at Trieste, where for some years past he had been British Consul General. I knew him intimately for more than a quarter of a century, and a kindlier-hearted and more whole-souled man I have never met.

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A brave soldier, an indefatigable traveller; a born explorer and discoverer, a linguist almost as copious as Mezzofanti—all these was Richard Burton. He had been everywhere—Australasia perhaps excepted—and seen everything. The wonderful extent of his attainments in Arabic is shown in his translation of the "Arabian Nights," as his proficiency in Portuguese is manifest in his admirable translation of the "Lusiads" of Camoens. He spoke French like a Frenchman, and Spanish like a Spaniard. He was an expert fencer, and his "Book of the Sword" is a very mine of rare and curious research in the history of "*l'arme blanche.*"

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The pilgrim to Mecca and Medina, the compeer as an African traveller, of Stanley and of Speke was I fear, not very much of a *persona grata* in Downing Street. Perhaps he was a little too outspoken to suit the sober-sided and pragmatical ways of the Circumlocution Office. He was thirty years in the consular service, but failed to obtain any appointment more exalted than the consulate at Trieste, where one of his predecessors had been Charles Lever, the author of "Charles O'Malley." Burton should have been sent as Minister Plenipotentiary to Morocco; but I suppose that he did not make himself popular with the people in power at home; and he obtained nothing more substantial than Trieste and a Knighthood of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

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The poet Wordsworth has made a curiously unexpected appearance in connection with the Rydal Hall manuscripts, a calendar of which has been published under the auspices of the Historical Manuscript Commission. The Rydal muniments include a letter from the author of "Peter Bell" and "We are Seven," to Lady Le Fleming, whose tenant at Rydal Mount he was, bitterly complaining of the dilapidated condition of his residence. To prove the necessity for the execution of repairs, the poor bard mentions that, during heavy rains, an empty trunk standing in "the best of three back rooms" was half filled with water.

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There is a droll specimen of word-coining in one of the MSS. just referred to, in an allusion to some fellows of a college at Oxford, in the seventeenth century, who were "sconced" forty shillings for "noctivagation." To "sconce" is an old word meaning to mulct or fine; and "noctivagation" will be found rendered as "night-wandering" in some dictionaries; but I should say that it is of Oxford mintage—in a convivial sense at least—and that its most expressive modern equivalent would be the Americanese "painting the town red."

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There is, or at least there was, a threatened scarcity of sealskins; and it is expected that the price of these dainty furs will go up from thirty to fifty per cent. before the winter sets in. This is not a story to be jested at, as the cynical humourist jeered at the statement that there were to be no green peas during the coming summer. "Don't believe it," he remarked, "*it's a rumour set afloat by the ducks.*" It is not the furriers who have circulated the report that ere long seal-skin jackets and mantles will be perhaps twice as costly as they are now. It is the melancholy truth.

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How should sealskins be ought but scarce? For how many years have the British seal-fishers been wantonly butchering these interesting and inoffensive marine animals for the sake of their skins? Scores of thousands of seals have been cruelly shot, stabbed, harpooned, or clubbed to death every year in order that fashionable ladies might disport themselves in sealskin jackets and mantles. Now seals are highly intelligent creatures. Depend upon it there have been conferences of sorrowing seals somewhere in the neighbourhood of Greenland or of the Behring Seas—a sufficiently wide margin—and that to save themselves from utter extermination, the seals have resolved to retire to such a remote portion of the Antartic Circle as will enable them to defy the seal-slaughterers.

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Colonel Gouraud, Sir, you are scarcely up to date. You have been caught napping, Colonel, with regard to those Edison phonographic dolls about which we heard so much some time ago. Here is poor dear Mr. Gladstone who, in travelling by railway from Liverpool to Edinburgh, carefully—and very wisely—abstained from making any open-air speeches *en route*, lest he should impair the vocal powers destined for the delectation of Mid-Lothian.

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Colonel Gouraud, where was your smartness when you omitted to prepare a lay-figure—a counterfeit presentment of the Grand Old Man, collars and all, and with a complete phonographic apparatus underneath his waistcoat? Into that phonographic reservoir at least half-a-dozen speeches could have been poured by the illustrious statesman in his library at Hawarden; and those orations could have been subsequently delivered by the phonographic marionette from the windows of the saloon carriage while the real Mr. Gladstone was tranquilly taking forty winks on a couch.

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The self-chosen epitaph on Keats in the Protestant Cemetery at Rome, mournfully proclaims the poet to have been one "whose name was written in water." As it has turned out, the name of the author of "Endymion" has long since been graven on brass, to endure, perhaps, as long as English letters themselves. How imprudent it is, as a rule, to prophesy—unless, as the American sage put it, "you know!" Now, here we are, this instant week of "Echoes," in presence of a portent writen in, or rather *on*, water—the Report, namely, of the County Purposes Committee appointed last February by the Court of Common Council to enquire into the water-supply of the Metropolis, and the best way of reforming it.

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The committee recommended the buying up of the vested rights of the private companies who charge the public too much money for not quite enough water, and the promotion of a bill for the establishment of a Royal Commission empowered to control and regulate the entire hydraulic economy of London; so that we may be able to obtain the pure element as abundantly and as cheaply as it is procured at Manchester and at Glasgow, where the water authority is a public and not a private one.

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It is here that the temptation to prophesy comes in. A Metropolitan water commission! Is it permissible to predict the establishment in Whitehall, or at Guildhall, of a permanent Board of Jolly Old Watermen, resembling in their constitution the historic Tribunal *de los acquiorzs* or *riego de las aguas* of the *huerta* of Valencia, in Spain, instituted ever so many centuries ago by the Moorish Caliph Alhaken Almonstan Billar, for the purpose of controlling and regulating the local water-works?"

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There were seven judges, chosen from the yeomen and irrigators of the district, who sate on benches in the open air at the Gate of the Apostles at noon every Thursday to hear complaints touching the water-supply of the *huerta*. No lawyers were allowed to plead; no pens, ink, or paper were suffered to be used in the proceedings. The discussions were carried on in the "Limosin" or cockney dialect of Valencia, and from the decisions of the judges there was no appeal. Evidently a court of common sense. How one would like to have heard a Valencian Dobbs—all honour to Dobbs—"making it hot" for a Valencian water company!

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From water to glass. The silly season usually ends with the Long Vacation; but the carnival of cock-and-bull stories threatens, this year, to stretch to Christmas. I read that a process has been perfected for transforming broken glass into "a fine, delicate, and durable cloth, which can be worn without the slightest discomfort next to the tenderest skin;" and that in a certain factory in the United States "hundreds and thousands of tons of broken and useless material are being utilised in the manufacture of a fabric perfectly incombustible, and which can be made in every colour and shade of colour, and of any required strength or thickness.

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We have all seen the spun-glass, looking like white floss silk, out of which toys and trinkets used to be, and, for aught I know, are still made. In the days before Brunel's Thames Tunnel had been adapted to railway purposes, there was a kind of bazar at the entrance on the Middlesex side, where nicknacks in spun-glass used to be sold. I remember in particular a coachman's wig of the softly brittle fabric.

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More than one attempt also can I recall to utilise glass as part of the material of a textile fabric. More than forty years since an enterprising firm of drapers in Greek Street, Soho, tried to popularise a splendid-looking damask made partially of silk and partially of glass. A handsome actress of the period, Mrs. H. P. Grattan, wore such a glass-silk dress in a burlesque called "Cherry and Fair Star" at the old Princess's Theatre; but the complaint of the *costumieres* who made the dress was that the vitreous texture of the stuff grievously pricked, and even cut, their fingers.

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An odd story is being echoed and re-echoed setting forth that the Great Duke of Wellington's "orders on the Bank of England" are not yet exhausted. A "city man," it is alleged, purchased from an acquaintance an "order" for ten pounds, signed by the Hero of Waterloo, and which had not yet been presented for payment. The "city man," having given his acquaintance "face value" for the note, thought that he might make a profitable speculation out of it, and has been asking—as yet unsuccessfully—sums ranging between £1,000 and £10,000 for the "order."

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The story may have a modicum of truth in it; but judging it only from the phraseology in which it is couched, one would be inclined to fancy that it had emanated from an American imagination. The Iron Duke banked at Coutts's. I don't say that he had not also an account at the Bank of England; but in any case he would have drawn a "cheque" and not an "order."

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Here, however, is the story of a Wellingtonian cheque for the truth of which I can vouch, for I have seen the document in question. Some forty years ago there was either patented or registered an improved razor called the "Plantagenet," the edge of the blade of which was guarded by a kind of comb, so that you could not cut yourself while shaving.

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The good old Duke, who had a penchant for buying new-fangled things—were they new corkscrews, new boothooks, new steel-pens, or new filters—went one day into the shop of the proprietor of the new razor at Charing Cross, and bought a couple of "Plantagenets" with silver comb-guards, the price of the articles was two guineas, and for this sum the Duke gave his cheque on Coutts's, and went away with his treasures rejoicing. But the proprietor of the "Plantagenet" was far too wary to have the precious document cashed. He caused it to be handsomely framed and glazed, and displayed it in his shop-window as an advertisement, round which for many weeks afterwards the *gobemouches* thronged to peer at the magic autograph, "Wellington."

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The Parisian Society against the Abuse of Tobacco have met with a heavy blow and sore discouragement. Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz had presented to the Academy of Medicine an exhaustive report expatiating on the deleterious effects of tobacco-smoking, and asserting that the practice was so injurious to physical growth as to be responsible for the steady depopulation of France. It was therefore recommended that youths under sixteen should be prohibited by law from smoking. The grave and reverend Signors of the Academy were on the point of adopting the report when Dr. Brouard, the *doyen* of the Paris Faculty, rose from his seat and uttered the words, "How about Germany?"

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This significant query seems to have produced as alarming an effect on the medical academicians, as the blood-boultered ghost of Banquo did on Macbeth. In their mind's eye they beheld the image of Hans Breitmann with a *pickelhaube* on his head, smoking from morning till night a prodigious meerschaum, or, haply, a pipe with a china bowl embellished with the portrait of Bismarck or of Von Moltke. Tobacco has certainly not depopulated the Fatherland; for the olive branches of Hans Breitmann are multitudinous. This fact seems to have at once stirred the logical minds of the Paris Academy of Medicine.

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Mr. Booth, of the Salvation Army, who is setting up as a saviour of society, and who would like to have a hundred thousand pounds sent him just as a start towards the establishment of his city colony, his farm colony, and his colony beyond sea, proposes to make a *pickelhaube* collection of meat and fruit and salmon and sardine tins which are ordinarily thrown into the dust-bin. Mr. Booth asserts that the toys sold in France on New Year's Day are almost entirely made from sardine-tins, and he proposes that a contingent of his interesting *protejes*, shall be employed in manufacturing cheap toys out of tin.

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True it is that tin enters largely into the composition of some toys. Hans Christian Andersen told us all about the "Little Tin Soldier," in one of the most delightful stories ever written, long years ago. But Mr. Booth has yet to learn that for the designing and colouring of the patterns of French and German toys, artistic talent of a somewhat high order is required. At Furemburg, which makes toy-soldiers in tin and lead for four-fifths of the civilised world, eminent draughtsmen and modellers are employed to prepare the designs, which different grades of artisans subsequently carry out.

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The dressing of cheap dolls would be a more profitable industry for Mr. Booth's lambs. There is a fancy warehouse here at Brighton in the Western Road, the lady proprietor of which has a speciality for dressing "Quakeress" dolls. I rarely revisit Brighton without purchasing one of these fascinating little puppets in a dove-coloured silk dress, a poke-bonnet to match, a little black triangular shawl, and a tiny black bag hanging from one arm, for presentation among my smaller lady friends. A manufactory of Salvation dolls might do well. I should like a male Salvationist with a big drum—in miniature, of course—and a Hallelujah lass with a banjo or a tambourine.

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H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh has duly inaugurated—good word "inaugurated," almost as good as "that blessed word 'Mesopotamia,'"—the Armada Memorial on the Hoe, Plymouth, where, in July, 1588, Drake, Hawkins, and Frobisher played that memorable game at bowls, prior to knocking over the Spanish galleons and galleasses as though they had been so many ninepins. Then in Portsmouth harbour, "Trafalgar Day" has been celebrated by docking Nelson's flagship, the Victory; with laurel wreaths; and, finally, at an episcopal chapel in Albemarle Street, a service has been solemnised in connection with the Waterloo Memorial at Brussels.

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Meanwhile a document has been made public, the perusal of which can scarcely be got through without the feelings half of indignation and half of shame. It is a modest and quiet appeal to H. R. H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief from certain superannuated and infirm soldiers who fought bravely for their country in the Crimea and India during the Mutiny, for the addition of a few pence a day to the miserable stipends which a grateful country flings to them now that they are old and worn out. Some of these veterans have no pensions at all, and are in imminent peril of the workhouse. A touching commentary this on Armada Memorial inaugurations, Trafalgar Day celebrations, and Waterloo Memorial services.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA.

THE G. I. P. SPECIAL TRAINS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—To Mr. Conder's statistics of special train passengers on Saturday last should be added one first class and two third class passengers from Thana to Narel, as in default of the special, they would have had to wait for one of the night trains.—Yours, &c.,

ONE OF THEM.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LORD HARRIS arrived at Nariad yesterday afternoon and drove thence to Kaira. To-day his Excellency visits Mehmedabad, and thence proceeds to Ahmedabad, where he stays till Monday.

THE s.s. Sutlej, with the incoming mails of the 31st ultimo, is expected to arrive at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

THERE is an impression abroad that the next English cricket team will visit this country early next year. This is erroneous, as the team, which will probably lower the colours of every club in India, will not arrive in Bombay till the 17th of November, 1891.

LORD LANSDOWNE has sent an unsolicited donation of five hundred rupees to the Khalsa College Fund. This, observes the Lahore paper, will be very gratifying news to the Sikh nation, and should encourage the committee in their efforts. We hope that this and other handsome donations that have recently been received will not cause them to lose sight of the fact that the movement is one to which every true Sikh will need to give some degree of assistance.

THE railway accident which occurred at Taunton on Tuesday, reaulted in the loss of ten lives, six persons being burnt to death in one of the damaged carriages. The catastrophe was the result of a mistake on the part of a signalman, who has been arrested.

A VIOLENT and destructive gale was reported from Japan, at Kagoshima, on the 24th ultimo. 774 houses were entirely and 850 houses partially destroyed, eight persons being killed. A violent whirlwind visited Narigiwamura, Cnita-gun, and Aichi Prefecture, destroying twenty-two houses and two telegraph posts. Two persons were killed, eight being injured. At Nagoya, in consequence of severe rains, various rivers in the provinces of Owari and Mikawa have overflowed, causing much damage to embankments and crops. Several bridges were carried away or injured. In the Hyogo Prefecture 976 houses were destroyed in Ako-gun, 188 houses in Sayo-gun, 604 houses in Shikito-gun, and 79 houses in Shikisei-gun. The rivers in the province of Echizen have overflowed. About 1,300 houses in the city of Fukui were submerged. Various rivers in the Tottori Prefecture overflowed, causing great damage to crops and roads. 41 bridges were carried away, 64 houses were submerged, and 11 persons were drowned.

GENERAL MOHAMMED EL MERABET, appointed by the Bey of Tunis three years ago Governor of Kerouan, has died at Medina, while on a pilgrimage to Mecca. He was seventy years of age, and was thought to be friendly to France.

A TRIESTE paper, referring to the death of Sir R. Burton, says:—Sir R. Burton was a perfect gentleman who enjoyed the friendship of every one. The funeral, which took place at Trieste, on 22nd October, was a very imposing and general manifestation of the public regard for the illustrious gentleman. At 3 p.m. the funeral cortege left the house, and was headed by the girls of the Orphanage of St. Joseph. Then followed the military band of the 87th Infantry Regiment, at present in garrison at Trieste; then the priests. The sailors of the Anchor Line formed a column on each side of the hearse. All the Foreign Consuls as well as the President of the Maritime Board, Baron von Alber, followed, holding the tassels of the pall. The hearse was followed by a carriage full of the finest wreathes of flowers, and an officer bearing on a cushion the various decoration of the deceased, her Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul, Mr. Cantly, accompanied by the Governor of Trieste, Chevalier de Renaldini, many Generals and Officers of the Navy and Army, Lady Burton-Arnwell, Baroness Murpurgo, Baroness Ralli, and many leading ladies of Trieste, as well as the leading members of Trieste society, took part in the procession. After reaching the cemetery of St. Anna the orphans sang a hymn, and Dr. Hortis delivered an address, in which he said it is the duty of Trieste to accompany Sir R. Burton to his grave, and as he lived for nearly two decades at this place as the representative of a powerful and glorious nation, and during which time he won the esteem of all the citizens, it was an honour to have such a man amongst us. He was a gallant soldier and intrepid traveller, and had seen the whole world, from the blue mountains of India to the plains of Brazil, from the estuary to the sources of the Nile, which were shut up for many centuries to science. Each of his steps enlarged the human knowledge of the immense field of nature and ethnography. All was within reach of his investigations—rare plants, newly-opened countries, and the languages of the peoples by him discovered. Dr. Hortis closed the funeral oration with the following words:—"Now also he has paid the last tribute to Nature, but his works will remain as an eternal monument, and we shall have him in remembrance for ever." During the hour of the funeral all the Consulates as well as all the ships in harbour had their flags at half-mast. The body was embalmed, and will be transferred to England.

MR. PERCIVAL SPENCER, whose daring parachute feats have been noticed frequently of late in China and other Eastern papers, is now at Yokohama.

THE *Japan Gazette* tells the following story:—An exciting incident occurred as the British fleet was on its way to Yokohama from Hakodate on Monday, 20th ult. About 10 a.m. and during a heavy gale, a man was blown from the Rattler into the sea while sail was being taken in. On the cry of 'man overboard' the sail was immediately furled and the ship turned round. A life-buoy was thrown overboard and the life board called away, but the ship was rolling so heavily that to lower a boat would have been madness. There was great anxiety to see if the man would catch the line, and just when the ship was down on her side again, the man succeeded in doing so and was landed safely on board the vessel. This smart rescue was witnessed from the Admiral's ship and was rewarded by the signal, "Well done," from the Admiral.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of the N. W. Provinces on the morning of the 9th instant inspected the Allahabad Water-works at the Khushru Bagh, accompanied by Mr. Harington, the Commissioner, and several members of the Municipal Board. Mr. Hughes, the Supervising Engineer, and the Resident Engineer, Mr. Walker, showed the works to Sir Auckland Colvin, who expressed himself highly pleased with the progress made by the contractors, Messrs. Walsh, Livett & Co., and congratulated the local member of the firm, Mr. R. N. Mookerjee, on what had been done. It is calculated that the works will be ready for opening by the 1st April, or even sooner, if there is no hitch or accident with the engines and machinery in transit.

THE Legislative Council of the North-West Provinces has been able to find at length some work which it may and can attempt, and it will convene, therefore, for a session in February. The most interesting measure, observes the *Pioneer*, to be taken up is a Water Rates Bill, which, by reason of the water-works schemes now coming on in all the larger municipalties, is a matter of pressing importance. This question is entirely new ground, so that the N.-W. P. Council can safely deal with it in spite of their disabilites. Besides this a Jampani and Cooly Registration Bill will be put in hand for Naini Tal and Mussoorie, somewhat, we suppose, on the lines of the Bengal Act for Darjeeling. Other business may crop up between this and then.

A BURMESE young woman, between 18 and 19 years of age, named Mah wa May, has obtained a decree in the Court of the Myooke of Koonyangong against one Moung Mhine for Rs. 200 damages for breach of promise of marriage and seduction. The Myooke said the girl was of a highly respectable family, that a promise to marry was sworn to by herself and another witness who had acted as go-between, and that as the defendant did not go into the box to deny the promise, or to try and prove that the girl had not sustained Rs. 200 damages, he decreed the amount with costs. The Myooke's judgment was upheld.

A SHAJAHNPORE correspondent writes:—"The two men who were charged with the murder of a man named Darayao Singh, zemindar, have both been sentenced by the Sessions Judge to transportation for life. The accused, it will be remembered, killed the deceased with lathi blows, because the brother had turned them out of his field where they were cutting grass. The third accused has absconded, and no trace of his whereabouts have yet been found."

SIR ROMESH CHUNDER MITTER and Nawab Asanoolla, of Dacca, have been appointed Additional Members of the Legislative Council of India, *vice* Syad Ameer Hossein and Raja Durga Charn Laha.

DURING the first half of the official year the net imports of gold were 264 lakhs, and of silver 787 lakhs. The exports of gold were 28 and of silver 59 lakhs. Up to the end of September Bombay had coined 452 lakhs, against 131 coined at Calcutta.

COLONEL PARRY NISBET Resident in Kashmir, takes a year's leave.

A BAREILLY correspondent writes:—"A sad case, culminating in murder, has occurred here. It appears that a man named Khumain, who is on bad terms with his brother-in-law in respect to certain property, resolved to be avenged on his kinsman, and, as alleged, he gave the latter's two children certain sweets to eat in which traces of arsenic have been found. The younger of the children ate the sweetmeat and shortly afterwards died; the other child wisely did not. The accused, who has been arrested, will shortly be placed on his trial.

A COMMISSION consisting of Mr. Justice Afsul Hoosein (President), and Mr. Justice Ahmed Raza, and Major-General Campbell (members), sat at Hyderabad to try Hassan Bin Abdulla (Nawab Imad Nawaz Jung), Rajah Strinavasa Rao, and nine other Treasury subordinates, accused of being implicated in the frauds upon the Nizam's Treasury, in which case Nawab Dilawar Nawaz Jung has received a pardon. The sitting was merely a preliminary one, says the *Deccan Times*, and was adjourned to Tuesday, the 18th instant.

IN connection with the case in which Alum Ali Khan (Nawab Dilawar Nawaz Jung) is stated to have paid a large sum from the Treasury to which he was not entitled, the same paper learns that a special court of enquiry has been appointed to investigate the matter. It consists of Moulvie Syed Afzul Hassin, General Campbell, and Moulvie Syed Hafiz Ahmed Raza Khan, under the presidency of the former, as the senior Puisne Judge of the High Court. A preliminary meeting of the members was held on Saturday in the city.

THE Zhob Valley Field Force has successfully completed its task, observes the *Civil and Military Gazette*. The Kidderzais have submitted, and no more opposition is expected. Sir Robert Sandeman's usual good management, which almost amounts to good luck, is already using the Shiranis for purposes of transport; and he has certainly added another laurel to the wreath which will immortalise in the history of the north-western frontier what is already known as the "Sandeman system," but which is nothing, after all, than a splendid reduction to practice of the maxim "*suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.*"

A COURT of inquiry assembled at Quetta on Saturday morning at the Followers' Hospital, to inquire into the injuries received by a lascar of the Ordnance Department and the cause of the accident, with the result that it was discovered that the accident did not occur while in the execution of duty, but while making fireworks privately. The object of the inquiry was for granting a pension, as one arm is entirely disabled for life.

A HORRIBLE outrage was perpetrated at Kuch the station on Monday night, a signaller, a bhistie and another man being found decapitated. The murderers are supposed to be Peshwari Pathans. The ticket chest was broken into, and the postal cash is missing. The Tehsildar, with Gyanchand, Inspector of the Baluchistan Police, are investigating the affair.

No selection, it is said, has yet been made for the post of Traffic Manager, E. I. Railway, vacated by Mr. St. Leger Carter.

IN the court of the Hon. Moulvie Abdool Jubbar, Deputy Magistrate of Alipur, last Saturday, a girl, about eighteen years of age, and her father, were charged, the first with committing bigamy, and the second with aiding and abetting the offence. The girl, who is of Hindu parentage, left her husband and went to her father, and both of them subsequently embraced the Mahomedan faith. The second defendant induced his daughter to marry a Peshawari. The magistrate held that altogether the second marriage was perfectly legal under the Mahomedan law, yet, according to a judgment of Justices Pinhey and Melville of the Bombay High Court, a Hindu marriage cannot be dissolved even if the husband or wife turned a Christian or Mahomedan. The case was accordingly committed to the sessions, the defendants meanwhile being enlarged on bail for Rs. 100 each.

To four public-spirited men of the Chiba Prefecture appears to belong the honour of having prepared the first petition for presentation to the Japanese Diet. The subjects of the petition are that people proposing to start journals should no longer be required to furnish security; that heads of families and heirs should be included in the exemptions from conscription; that postal savings' banks should be abolished; and that registrar's duties should be discharged by headmen of wards and villages in addition to their other duties. The names of these pioneer petitioners, who will doubtless become historical, are Fujii Kyogen, Takahashai Kanji, Sekiya Kojiro, and Itakura Rihei, and they have entrusted their petition to the representative of the first electoral district of Chiba.

IN addressing his friends of the Tyneside Geographical Society, Surgeon Parke gave his own impressions of Emin Pacha, whom he described as "a wonderfully interesting companion, excessively good-natured, and extremely polite; a great scientist, and qualified to practise medicine." He speaks, according to Mr. Parke, twenty-two languages, thirteen of which he can read and write; and without the least hesitation can tell the scientific name of any insect, bird, or plant which might be brought to him. His people, however, were useless—troublesome, intemperate, and diseased. Many of them were exiled convicts from Egypt as murderers and robbers; yet these were the men on whom Emin was obliged to depend and for whom so many gallant lives were sacrificed. Mr. Parke stated that he had received a letter from Emin a few weeks ago, in which he reported himself nearly well again after the terrible accident which nearly cost him his life. "I regret for his own sake," added Mr. Parke, "that he has returned again, a wanderer, into Africa."

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* says: Mr. Jephson's "The Rebellion at the Equator" will be the next book that will tickle the public palate, for Mr. Jephson was nine months with Emin, and to that episode of his three years in Darkest Africa the plucky young explorer has wisely confined himself. His famous chief has already covered the other ground. "Mr. Marston," writes a representative, "gave me some interesting gossip about the book, which is a single volume, at a guinea. When I say that Mr. Mudie took a thousand copies, you will understand that it is likely 'to catch on.' The book contains a puzzle, too, which is intended to baffle those wretched Yahoos and the Yankee pirates. The puzzle is to discover which portion or portions are contributed by Stanley, who, being an American citizen, has come to the aid of his 'young man.' On the title-page, writ large, is the danger-post, bearing the inscription, 'With the revision and co-operation of H. M. Stanley, D.C.L.'"

THE death is announced of Mr. Mervyn Lanark Hawkes, who in 1885 contested the borough of Eye against Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett upon that gentleman's appointment as Civil Lord of the Admiralty in Lord Salisbury's Government. At a general election of 1885, Mr. Hawkes stood as an Independant candidate for the Central Division of Sheffield, when he polled only 149 votes against 4,633 recorded for Mr. Howard Vincent. The deceased, who was a young journalist of considerable promise, died from consumption on Tuesday morning at the residence of his father at Bruges, in Belgium.

THE DEWALEE FESTIVAL.

YESTERDAY was the grand illumination day in connection with the annual Dewalee festival; and to-day is the New Year's Day of the Hindus, when they open new account-books after having invoked the good graces of Lakshmi, the Goddess of Riches, upon their business transactions and mercantile speculations in the ensuing year. A Brahmin priest officiates at the ceremony in connection with the opening of the new books for a consideration; and by means of some Sanskrit shibboleth professes to use his influence with the fickle goddess in favour of his customer. The books are opened out and placed before the officiating priest, who freely presses into service red paint, ghee, oil, flowers, "holy water," &c., in the performance of the propitiatory ceremonies. The ancient custom in connection with them is observed even by Parsee shop-keepers and men of business; at whose places a dual ceremony is performed by a Brahmin and by a Parsee priest according to Hindu and Zoroastrian religious usages; and Sanskrit and Zend prayers are offered up simultaneously. The Dewalee, the most popular of native festivals, welcome to all classes of Indians because the least objectionable of them, commenced on Monday, and had its crowning radiance yesterday, all classes of the native community contributing, at their houses and places of business, to the general illumination. Dewalee, the feast of lamps—from *dipa*, a lamp, and *avali*, a row—occurs (according to the Indian Calendar) on the new moon of Kartik, and is celebrated, we are told, in honour of the goddess Kali or Bhowani, who was formerly propitiated by human sacrifices, and of Vishnu's victory over the demon Naraka. The festival appears, however, to be more appropriately consecrated to Laksmi, the goddess of riches, and is generally celebrated for a period of five days, during which Hindu dwelling-houses are cleaned, whitewashed, re-painted, and illuminated. A quadrangular floor, called "rangoolee," is made in front of the houses and painted with many coloured powders. All the treasure in the house is collected and worshipped in the name of Lakshmi; a light is made and dedicated to Yama, the god of the infernal regions; and fireworks, crackers, spouters, &c., are let off. The festival begins on the 13th day of Ashvin Vad. The fourteenth day is called Narak Chattoordashi, on which day Vishnu is fabled to have killed Narakasur, a giant, and entered his city, when the people illuminated their houses and received him with great joy and acclamations, and when the women, having adorned themselves, went before him with lighted lamps. The Hindus observe the day to commemorate the great conquest of Vishnu. They get up early in the morning, fill the house with lights, rub their bodies with perfumed ointment, and bathe themselves with hot water. New clothes and ornaments are put on; and after the children have been decorated, the mistress of the house performs a ceremony called "arti," placing wicks in silver or brass dishes, symbolical of the removal of all their difficulties and of the advent of a happy new year; presents of money are made; sweetmeats are distributed; and friends and relations are invited to dinner. The Dewalee illuminations of Bombay have been universally acknowledged to be superior to those of any other Indian city, but it cannot be denied that, for the last few years, their extent and effulgence have been from one cause or another less than before, especially in the Fort. They are nevertheless, sufficiently attractive to lure visitors to Bombay from outstations. The display of lights to the native quarters of the Fort, extending from Parsee Bazar, Borah Bazar, and Bazar Gate Streets to the Municipal Gardens on the verge of Boree Bunder, was effectively made; the premises of Mr. Ibrahim Nooroodin, in Bazar Gate Street, being especially noticeable. Outside the Fort, the Mooljee Jewraj and Lukmidas Khimjee Cloth Markets and the Marwaree Bazar were brilliantly, if not tastefully, illuminated. In the Moombadevi Road, the premises of Mr. Damodhardas Tapidas, Mr. Shewlal Motilal, and Mr. Chuttoorhooj Morarjee; and in the Kalbadevi Road the premises of Mr. Punnalal Poonumchund and others attracted crowds of sight-seers by their display of light. The police arrangements for the regulation of wheeled traffic in the principal streets were excellent; and no accident is reported to have occurred.

PAPER-CHASING IN BOMBAY.

THE first paper-chase of the season was run off yesterday morning, the meet being at Santa Cruz. The morning was warm, rather warmer in fact than mornings at this time of the year are wont to be. Notwithstanding the early hour there was a fair field out, and among the number we noticed one lady. As soon as the party assembled, Messrs. Ross and Schofield, the hares, started of in the direction of Kaleena, laying the course over a straight country, and finished up at Wankola, near the Rifle Butts. After the fifteen minutes law allowed them, the field started away and had a rattling good run over some stiff country, the jumps that had to be negotiated consisting of three-foot walls, cactus hedges, and the usual paddy bunds. The pace was good, though not of the best. The horses took the "leaps" kindly, three spills only occurring. Mehlat, Laddie, Sheikh, and Sailor Boy, ridden by their owners, passed the post in the order named, the first horse doing the distance, about seven miles, in thirty minutes. It was a good run, and it is to be hoped that many another will succeed it. But we would suggest the holding of these meets at a more convenient hour. An incident in the chase was the joining in of one of the sportsmen who had followed the Master of the Fox Hounds in his preliminary canter, and who had evidently not enough for the morning.

THE INCOMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. steamer Sutlej, with English mails of the 31st ult., left Aden at seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, and is expected to arrive off the Apollo Bunder at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. The Sutlej, which left London on Oct. 23, and Brindisi Nov. 2, brings the following passengers

THE S BATTERY, ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Nov. 12.

The S Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, which has been quartered at Kirkee since the 31st December, 1888, was according to the arrangements originally made to move to Bangalore by route march on the 1st instant, but fortunately something cropped up to necessitate a small change in the programme. I say fortunately because had they moved off on that date they would have been placed in very much the same miserable plight in which the Somersetshire Light Infantry found itself at Dharwar, owing to the very heavy rain they experienced on the march. The Battery will start off southwards to-morrow morning at daybreak in the direction of the Kartraj Ghauts, and will go along the Satara Road. The band of the 55th Battery will play them out of the station, and a large number of people will probably turn out to say good-bye to this capital Battery, whose Officers have made themselves highly popular during their stay with us. The General Commanding the Poona District will, it is said, meet the Battery on the Sangam Road to take farewell of them. Major General Solly-Flood really took leave of the Officers and men on the 26th ultimo before he went to Mahableshwar, under the impression that they would march off on the 1st. On that occasion he addressed the men and spoke in high terms of the manner in which they had conducted themselves while under his command, and he had no doubt that they would, at Bangalore, and elsewhere, maintain the excellent character they had gained for themselves at Kirkee, the first Indian station at which they had been quartered.

The Officers of the Battery were photographed to-day, in company with allt he Royal Artillery Officers at Kirkee, by Mr. Hammes, our well-known photographer.

The full strength of the Battery, as it will march out to-morrow, is as follows :—

Six European Officers, viz., Major A. Broadfoot (Commanding), Captain E. U. F. Holland, Lieut. E R. H. J. Cloete, Lieut. H. Cortzn, Lieut. M. B. Lloyd, and Surgeon Marks ; two Staff Sergeants, eight Sergeants, 138 men, and 163 horses. All the heavy baggage, under a guard, consisting of one non-commissioned officer and six men, will be sent by rail later on, and the families of the men will leave here by train about the 17th proximo. Surgeon Marks will only accompany the Battery, as far as Belgaum, in medical charge, and from there will return to Poona with the S. Battery, which is due here on the 30th proximo.

The first camp at which the S. Battery will halt will be at Khair, which is about 17½ miles from Kirkee. On Friday they will move on to Kirkee, 10 miles further on, and on Saturday to the camp at Pargaum, 12½ miles. Here they will halt on Sunday, and will proceed on Monday morning to Bhatnj, 15 miles, and on Tuesday Satara will be reached. Here a two-days' halt will be made. Resuming their journey on the 19th the Battery is due at Belgaum on the 4th instant, where it will meet the R Battery R. H. A. from Bangalore. A four-days' halt will be made here to enable the two batteries to exchange camp equipage, followers, &c., A further move southward will be made by the S Battery on the 8th proximo, and six double marches will have to be made so as to enable the Battery to reach Madaverim, which is about ten miles this side of Bangalore on the 2nd January, 1891. Here the Battery will join the camp-of-exercise.

On Saturday last the Sergeants of the R. H. A. and R. A. were entertained by the Sergeants of the Royal Fusiliers at Wanowrie. There was a cricket match in the forenoon, which was rather spoiled by the rain, and resulted in a victory for the Fusiliers by 8 runs. After lunch, games of various sorts were indulged in, and dinner was served in the Fusilier's Mess, at 7 o'clock. After dinner the whole party adjourned to the theatre where dancing was kept up with much spirit till a late hour.

The Officers of the S Battery, R. H. A., have been entertained at all the various Messes in the station by the Officers of the several corps in Poona and Kirkee.

THE POONA VOLUNTEER RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PRIZE-LIST.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Nov. 12.

The following is the full prize-list, in connection with the recent Rifle Meeting held by the Poona Volunteer Rifle Corps. Points have been added to the shooting scores for attendance at Battalion parades :—

MATCH I.—200 and 500 yards.

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yards.

	Points.	Rs.
Vol S C D'Souza	29	8
Col Sergt J Mawhood	28	6
Sergt D Clabby	28	5
Vol W Cahill	27	4
Vol A Barwick	24	3
Vol E Russell	23	2

Each of the above competitors have put in 14 parades, so that the shooting scores remain undisturbed.

500 yards.

	Points.	Rs.
Vol C Lincoln	31	8
„ D D'Souza	30	6
„ J Hudson	30	5
„ C Ranun	28	4
„ A J Barwick	27	3
Sergt W R Elizer	25	2

Here also the shooting scores have been undisturbed by the added points for attendance at parades, each of the above competitors having put 14 parades.

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total.	Rs.
Vol T L Clarke	28	32	60	20
Lce-Corpl J Carvalho	32	32	64	16
Qr-Mr Sergt McDonnell	27	30	57	10

Carvalho made the best shooting score, but as he only put in 10 parades against 14 put in by Clarke, the latter secured the first prize, and also the Cup, presented by Messrs. Treacher and Company.

MATCH II.—(200, 500, and 600 yards.)

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yards.

	Pts.	Judg. Dist.	Total.	Rs
Vol S De Silva	27	3	30	8
„ E Russell	25	2	27	6
„ W McDonnell	21	6	27	5
„ C Ranun	26	0	26	4
Col Sergt Pluminer	21	0	21	3
Lce-Corpl Wheatley	20	0	20	2

Each of the above competitors attended 14 parades.

500 yards.

	Pts.	Judg. Dist.	Total.	Rs
Vol C Lincoln	31	4	35	8
„ J Hudson	30	2	32	6
Sergt Elizer	27	4	31	5
Vol S De Souza	29	1	30	4
„ J Nagle	25	3	28	3
„ E Green	25	1	26	2

Each of the above competitors attended 14 parades except Green, who only attended 9.

600 yards.

	Points.	Judg. Dist.	Total.	Rs.
Vol A Barwick	29	2	31	8
Vol J Barwick	29	0	29	6
Vol C McDonnell	26	0	26	5
Lce-Corpl Carvalho	26	2	28	4
Vol A G Cox	19	0	19	3
Col-Sergt Beck	19	0	19	2

Each of the above put in 14 parades except Carvalho who attended only 10.

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Judg. Dist.	Total.	Rs.
Qr-Mr Sgt Mc Donnell	38	31	28	6	91	25
Vol T L Clarke	31	31	27	0	89	26
Col-Sgt Mawhood	28	31	27	2	88	1
Sergt D Clabby	27	31	27	1	86	10

The parades made no difference in the scores, each having attended 14.

Qr-Mr Sgt McDonnell owes his success here to the points he scored in judging distance, at which he is very good. In addition to the 1st prize of Rs. 25, he earns a pair of antique vases, presented by Messrs. Phillips and Company.

MATCH III.—ALL COMERS.—(600 yards).

	Points.	Rs.
Jem Shaik Mehtar, 2nd Bo Grens	33	30
Lce-Corpl Carvalho, Poona Vols	33	20
Col-Sgt Mawhood, „ „	33	10
Qr-Mr Sgt McDonnell „ „	32	5
Naik Itt Mehtar, 10th Bo Inf	31	5
Lce-Corpl King, Roy Fus	31	5

Jem. Shaik Mehtar also gets a Cup presented by Messrs. Lund, Blockley, and Carter.

MATCH IV.—(150, 250 and 300 yards.)

RANGE PRIZES.—150 yards.

	Pts.	Judg. dist.	Total.	Rs.
Vol W McDonnell	17	8	25	8
„ C Ranun	19	4	23	6
Lce-Corpl Wheatly	20	2	22	5
Vol D D'Silva	18	4	22	4
Vol H Barucha	17	4	21	3
Vol J Nagle	19	0	19	2

No difference made by parades, each having attended 14.

250 yards.

	Points.	Judg dist.	Total.	Rs.
Vol C Lincoln	18	4	22	8
Sergt D Clabby	17	3	20	6
Vol A Barwick	14	4	18	5
Vol F Clarke	15	2	17	4
Vol J Barwick	15	2	17	3
Vol R Mootabhoy	15	0	15	2

Each attended 14 parades.

300 yards.

Col-Sergt Mawhood	36	1	37	8
Vol E Russell	32	3	35	6
Sergt Elizer	32	2	34	5
Lce-Corpl Carvalho	32	4	36	4
Vol W R Green	34	3	37	3
Vol A J Cox	29	2	31	2

Carvalho attended only 10 parades and Green 9. The others 14 each.

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

	Points.	Judg. dist.	Total.
Qr-Mr Sgt McDonnell	66	8	74
Vol T Clarke	68	5	73
Vol J Hudson	68	4	72
Vol S C D'Souza	67	3	70

Each attended 14 parades. Qr-Mr Sergt McDonnell scored again in judging distance.

MATCH V. (Cadets only.)

	Pts.	Parades.	Total.	Rs.
Cadet A Cody	42	45	87	10
Corpl G Wise	35	50	85	8
Cadet R Smith	50	35	85	6
„ H Collins	44	40	84	5
„ R Cody	47	35	82	4
„ T Ruttonjee	36	45	81	4
„ W Newland	30	50	80	3
„ A Wood	35	45	80	2
„ W Easdon	40	40	80	2
„ H Windsor	34	45	79	1

MATCH VI. (Recruits).

	Points.	Rs.
Vol H Bharucha	57	10
„ A M Dotiwala	53	8
„ K B Modi	50	6
„ R Mootabhoy	50	5
Cadet A Cody	49	4
Vol C Wood	45	3
„ M B Veerjee	44	2
„ P B Veerjee	43	2
„ S D Writer	43	2
Cadet R Cody	43	1

MATCH VII. (Medals.)

Gold Medal.

	Match I.	Match II.	Match IV.	Match VII.	Total.
Sergt D Clabby	57	85	63	71	276

Silver Medal.

	Match III.	Match IV.	Total.
Vol T Clarke	103	82	185

Bronze Medal.

	Match I.	Match II.	Total.
Col-Sergt Mawhood	100	71	171

BOMBAY DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

THE above Rifle Meeting was continued at the Bandora ranges yesterday, and owing to the successful management of Major J. Lloyd-Dickin, the honorary secretary, who was ably seconded by the range officers, a number of additional matches were concluded. In the morning the markers in the butts were kept busy recording the scores in the Volley Firing Stakes open to Europeans, and later the Unknown Distance Matches for Europeans and Natives were commenced. A large number of Artillerymen, men of the Gloucester Regiment and Volunteers competing at the range which was subsequently found to be about 450 yards. Owing to the number of competitors the contest open to Native Regiments was not concluded yesterday afternoon. We append the scores made by the Europeans as well as the result of the Scouts Contest, which resulted in a win for a section representing the Bombay Light Horse, and also are enabled to furnish the result of the Rapid Team Firing Volley for Natives. It may be added that Brigadier General Budgen, Commanding the Bombay District, visited the range on Tuesday, Lieut-Col Pearse, Commanding the Royal Artillery, being present yesterday.

VOLLEY FIRING STAKES (EUROPEANS.)

Open to teams of 10 N.-C. O's and men from any troop, battery, or company of Europeans, or Volunteers. The teams to be marched to an unknown distance, and fire 5 volleys. On the advance sounding the teams to move forward to again fire 5 volleys.

1. F. Co 2nd Gloster Regiment ..... Rs. 50
2. C. Co 2nd Gloster Regiment .....

OFFICERS' MATCH (EUROPEANS.)

Distance 500 yards 7 shots. Qr-Mr N B Spraggett, 2nd Gloster Regt. Points 33.

UNKNOWN DISTANCE CONTEST.—(EUROPEANS.)

7 shots at an unknown distance between 200 and 1,000 yards.

	Pts.	Rs.
Pte Garland, 2nd Gloster Regt	35	15
Lce-Sergt Conyers B B & C I R Vol	33	10
Sergt Pinder, B V A	33	10
Sergt-Major Booth, B B & C I Vols	32	5
Lt Peacocke, 5th Bo L Inf	31	5
Sergt Murroney, B B & C I R Vol	30	5

TEAM RAPID TIMED VOLLEYS (NATIVES.)

Open to squads of 12 men. Distance 400 yards, 5 shots.

	Pts.	Rs.
4th Bombay Rifles	46	25
5th Bombay L. Infantry	42	15

SIGNALLING STAKES (EUROPEANS.)

To send and receive test messages.

	Total Pt.	
Pte J Gudgeon, 2nd Gloster Regiment	93	93

Messrs. Phillip & Co.'s Telescope. Rs.

Pte A J Legg Tie	79	12
„ S Steele „	79	10
Lce-Corp Phillpott,	78	8
Pte J Wright „	58	5

RIFLE AND SPADE CONTESTS.

This contest was not competed for as only one team arrived on the ground. The second team was therefore disqualified.

SCOUT CONTEST.—(EUROPEAN.)

Open to file from any Corps. Prizes presented by Capt. Little, Commanding B. L. Horse.

1st Team { Capt Little B L H / Trooper Wehrli B L H } Rs. 100.

	Marks.
Time 7m 40 secs	21
Horsemanship	10
Turn out	10
Shooting	50
	91

2nd Team { Corpl Rogers B. L. H. / Troopers Werhli B. L. H. } Rs. 50.

	Marks.
Time 6 min, 55 scs. 30	30
Horsemanship	10
Turn Out	10
Shooting	20
	70

THE story is told by a fashionable West-end jeweller. Some five years ago a very interesting young engaged couple—both she and he being well known in society at the time—selected a wedding ring in his shop. A month later a paragraph appeared in the *Morning Post* announcing that the marriage would not take place ; and the same week the young man brought back the ring and exchanged it for a pearl scarfpin. The day before this story was told me, and several years after the above incidents took place, the same young man appeared in the same shop and again asked to see some wedding rings. While he was choosing one, who should walk in but the lady with and for whom he had selected the first ring. She is now married, has three children, and came to purchase a scarf-pin for her husband. She and her first love greeted one another apparently for the first time since her marriage, and she helped him to choose the second wedding ring.

MILITARY NOTES.

(SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.)

THE appointment of Colonel A. G. Yeatman-Biggs to the command of the Royal Artillery District, Secunderabad, which we noticed in our issue of the 10th instant, gives him the Horse Artillery jacket vacant by the retirement of Colonel R. Alexander.

Two hundred men of the 2nd Battalion (60th) King's Royal Rifles, Dublin, were transferred to the 1st Battalion at Aldershot to bring it up to strength for service in India.

The Park Rifle Butts, Tottenham, which have been totally destroyed by fire, were, with the exception of those at Bisley, the most extensive in England, and had a world-wide reputation. he butts were 100 yards long and 50 feet high, and were constructed of 100,000 faggots of wood of the value of over £4,000.

In a field-firing competition held at Port Clarence in the north of England, 20 targets, 3½ feet high by 2½ feet broad, were provided, and they were so arranged as to represent men in a shelter trench one yard apart. Each team of 20 men was drawn up at 1,000 yards from the targets, in attacking order. On the order "Advance to the attack," the two centre sections advanced and extended to three paces, of the first and fourth sections, and extended at about 175 yards distance. The advance was by rushes, and the firing was by volleys.

Every effort is being made to make the Central Rifle Meeting at Poona this year a success. Major C. Burroughs, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry, Second Circle, officiating as Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry, is the Honorary Secretary. Major A. G. Tidy, North Lancashire Regiment, the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Instruction at Poona, has been appointed Camp Commandant ; Captain A. E. Leslie, 2nd Grenadiers, will have charge of the pool, ammunition, and Native details. Captain A. M. Horrocks, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Adjutant of the Poona Volunteers, will be the Range Superintendent and Statistical Officer ; Captain C. F. Burton, Royal Fusiliers, the Camp Adjutant ; and Lieutenant J. L. R. Gordon, 1st Worcester Regiment, the Camp Quartermaster. The camp staff, as above named, will have the general control and supervision of the camp under the orders of the General Officer commanding the district. The camp will be formed on the 16th instant. The meeting itself will be held from the 24th to the 29th November.

All the troops in the Poona District are being smartened up for the coming camp-of-exercise to meet the eye of the soldier of the age, Sir Frederick Roberts, whose sharp glance will readily detect any flaw or omission when they pass before him. The Major General commanding has his hands full before the camp is formed, and he is doing his utmost to see for himself that everything is in order. He saw the Worcester Regiment on Tuesday at tent-pitching and at work with the fire-engine. On Wednesday he had the Royal Fusiliers and Worcester Regiment at outpost duty. On Tuesday, the 18th instant, the General will inspect the camp equipage of the 28th Pioneers, under Colonel Westmacott. He will see a company at shelter trench exercise ; a company at escalading drill ; a company at transport and railway wagon loading drill, and the fire-engine worked.

On Wednesday the General will witness four companies of the Pioneers do field firing. It is very necessary that this fine corps should be in apple-pie order for the manœuvres, as the whole of the hard work in connection with them will fall on this working corps, and there will be many sharp eyes from Bengal to contrast their appearance and work with the older pioneer corps of that Presidency

On the 14th instant, the Major-General will see the gallant Fusiliers at transport loading drill and at loading railway wagons. He will also inspect the camp equipage, and see the fire-engine worked.

On the 15th instant the General will see the camp equipage of the 2nd (P. W. O.) Grenadiers, and 10th Bombay Light Infantry, and will witness one company of the 10th Regiment go through the transport loading drill. A party detailed from both regiments will work the fire-engine.

The Major-General remarks with regret that so few British officers of Native regiments are available for parade when outpost practice is carried on, as this practice is most important and instructive, and should be more fully attended and practised.

As we remarked in a former issue, the trouble with the 303 new rifle is due to the ammunition. The magazine rifle requires a small bore, and this latter requires for its use a hard bullet, as a soft bullet sets up. This hard bullet, again, requires weight, and for this reason a leaden core and a hard casing is necessary. Bullets strip,—that is the outer nickel casing separates from the lead, in passing through the barrel. In some cases the bullets have actually fused, get distorted in shape in the passage up the barrel, and go anywhere. Some have been picked up at 800 yards distance expended, that should have gone 3,000 yards. In these instances the cases have jammed, and in many they would not extract properly. All these faults are more or less due to the excessive heat set up in the barrel, causing the lead underneath the metal coating to fuse, and the only way apparently out of it is to have the leaden core carefully soldered to the outer casing, so that the latter cannot be separated from the core and left in the barrel. The cartridge cases also, if left too long in the chamber after firing has taken place, and this great heat has been evolved, jam, as the metal case is so expanded by the excessive heat as to render it uncertain of extraction. There appears to be nothing the matter with the barrel, although there are experts who consider the system of rifling to be wrong, as they say that the points of the rifling are more suitable for a soft than a hard bullet, that they cut into the hard metal, and hold it while passing through the barrel as in a claw, and the cutting of hard metal by hard metal results in excessive heating of the barrel. Be this as it may, we trust that the Enfield experts will be able at an early date to give us a perfect bullet suited to the arm and to the "cordite," which by all accounts has been approved for service as the British smokeless service powder.

MR. W. S. CAINE AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I enclose copy of a recent letter from Mr. W. S. Caine to Commissioner Booth-Tucker, which you may like to insert in your columns in view of Mr. Caine's approaching visit to Bombay.—Yours, &c.,

AJEET SINGH,
Chief Secretary.

Clapham Common, Aug. 26, 1890.

Dear Commissioner Tucker,

I have often wanted to show in some practical way my sympathy with and deep appreciation of the devoted self-sacrifice with which you and your wife, as well as every officer and soldier in the Salvation Army in India, are all approaching the hitherto unsolved problem of the conversion of India to Christ.

I cannot give large sums of money at present, but I beg you to accept of the enclosed cheque for £10 towards the fund you are now raising, and you may ask me for the same amount as a yearly subscription to your truly apostolic work.

I have seen your brave fellows at work in India ; they work on lines open to criticism no doubt, but only to such criticism as could be applied equally to Paul and Silas,—so you are in good company.

I have faith in your methods, and I believe that, if God spares you for ten years more, the results of the labours of the Salvation Army in India will astound Christendom.

I am going to India for the third time this winter, and I shall endeavour to see as many of your men and as much of your work as possible. Wishing you God's richest blessing in your work.—Most sincerely yours,

W. S. CAINE.

THE total number of deaths registered during the week ending 1st November in Calcutta was 214 against 225 and 179 in the two preceding weeks and lower than the corresponding week of last year by 24. There were 3 deaths from cholera against 3 and 2 in the two preceding weeks ; the number is lower than the average of the past quinquennium by 25. There were no deaths from small-pox during the week. but there were 11 deaths from tetanus, against 15 in the previous week. The mortality from fevers and bowel complaints amounted to 8 and 23, respectively, against 95 and 27 in the preceding week The general death-rate of the week was 25·7 per mile per annum, against 29·1 the mean of the last five years.

THE MOKHADA SETTLEMENT REPORT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your editorial para. on the Mokhada settlement report in a recent issue of the *Bombay Gazette* suggests some brief comment. After a careful study of the report, I am sorry I am unable to subscribe to your view that it is either a full or a satisfactory report. Indeed, I confess, I never read a more meagre or disappointing document. It adds absolutely nothing to our knowledge of the Petha, as gathered from the official gazetteer ; and where Colonel Godfrey cares at all to tell us anything new, he seems as a survey officer to trust more to the guidance of intuitive consciousness and *a priori* reasoning than to that of the Baconian canons of inductive investigation of facts. It is, for instance, an *a priori* assumption—and not an ascertained or proved fact—that he states when he says, speaking of the large quantities of grain the people of the Petha send out, that "they keep sufficient for the wants of themselves and their families." (p. 11.) Mr. Ozanne, who is perhaps a greater authority than Colonel Godfrey, thinks "their condition is wretched," and "there is no evidence to show" that their standard of comfort has improved. (p. 38.)

But, this apart, I should think, the settlement department is paid, and works, not so much for the purpose of adding to the sum total of human knowledge regarding obscure or outlying portions of the earth's surface, as for that of making substantial additions to the public revenues year after year, to the joy of Sir D. Barbour and Sir J. Gorst. In the significant words of Mr. Hart Davies, it is a department of the public service which, like the Forest Department, has to justify its existence and expenditure by increased returns," and in its practical working, it follows the guidance of a logic and a political economy peculiar to itself. What appeared to outside observers evidences of agricultural decadence are taken by this department to be axiomatic proofs of agricultural prosperity, on which to base and justify its suggestions as to enhancements of assessments. Thus in the Mokhada Petha, the large increase of population during the period of the settlement (over 100 p. c.), which is, as Mr. Sheppard suggests, due to a large influx into the Petha of wild cultivators from the western talookas ousted from their holdings by the Mahim Brahmins and the Dahanu Parsees," and which in the opinion of Mr. Ozanne, "is no sign of increased profits of agriculture," appears to Colonel Godfrey an unmistakable proof of its agricultural progress. Similarly, the general law of a diminishing return from land, which J. S. Mill says "is the most important proposition in political economy," is an unpardonable heresy in the eyes of the survey officers, and extension and cultivated areas—even where cultivation clearly descends to inferior soils—is authoritatively laid down in the settlement-revision despatches of 1882-83 as one of the most "legitimate grounds of enhancement." Some idea may be formed of the actual working of this department in this Presidency from the following figures regarding the results of re-settlement operations up to 1888-89, given in the Bombay Administration Report, on page 20 of the Appendices :—

Zill a.	No. of villages revised.	Old assessment in lakhs	New assessment in lakhs	Differences in lakhs.	Percentage of increase.
Poona	710	7·37	9·70	2·32	31·5
Sholapur	453	5·43	7·60	2·16	39·8
Nagar	848	8·01	10·14	2·09	26·1
Satara	36	1·03	1·32	·28	27·7
Nasik	710	5·01	8·31	2·40	40·3
Khandesh	350	4·21	5·57	1·36	32·3
Bijapur	995	8·16	10·95	2·74	33·5
Dharwar	1,240	12·95	18·72	5·73	44·1
Belgaum	921	8·37	10·48	2·09	34·1
Panch Mahals	222	1·10	1·11	·01	1·3
Thanna	99	1·42	·58	·16	38·2
Ahmedabad	76	1·31	1·65	·34	22·5
	6,710	64·56	86·84	22·25	34·4

(The total cost of revision has been Rs. 41,56,753 up to date in these zillas.) Of these, the first four districts already enjoy the protecton of the Deccan Agriculturists Relief Act ! In Nasik and Thanna, where the enhancements range as high as 40 and 33 per cent. respectively the district officers are understood to be strongly in favour of these collectorates being added to the judicial charge of the Special Judge, Poona. Elsewhere also, it is said that local executive opinion recommend the extension of the Relief Act. And, thus it would seem that while the Hon. Mr. Ranade takes care of the ryot as against the savkar, Col. Godfrey and his brother officers of the Survey and Settlement Department take care of the State as against the ryot, and the net result is that the State is benefitted at the cost of both the ryot and the savkar.

The recently published Mokhada Settlement Report is valuable, as throwing a flood of side-light on the inner working of a department which, all things considered, has a very heavy account to render in respect of the prevailing agricultural depression and the growing poverty of the agricultural classes in this as in the other provinces of British India.

The settlement of this outlying Petha, of the Thanna Collectorate, it may be premised at the outset, is not an original settlement, as the sanctioning Government Resolution would have us believe, but a revised settlement, and as such, comes fully within the scope of the rules which Government has prescribed to itself in its resolutions of 1874 and 1884 as to the limits of enhancement on revision of assessments, viz., 33 per cent. for a taluka, 50 for a village, and 100 for individual holdings. The enhancements proposed for this Petha by Colonel Godfrey, the Survey Superintendent, and sanctioned by the Government of Lord Harris in the very first week of its accession and sanctioned, besides, in the teeth of the strong protests of Mr. Ozanne, then acting Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Mr. Vidal, the Collector of Thanna, and Mr. Sheppard, Commissioner, N.D., have a very high range, 71 per cent. on the whole. "Taking the Khasbandi and Nagarbandi villages separately, the increase is 3 pies per acre or equivalent to 26 per cent. in the Khasbandi, and one anna five pies, equivalent to 117 per cent. in the Nagarbandi village," with the result, as Mr. Ozanne shows, that the increase "affects those villages most which are least able to bear it." Analysing the figures given in Appendix I., on page 22, of the report regarding Varkas assessment by original settlement, and revised, the total average 71 per cent. increase is thus spread :—

23	villages...enhancement...71 per cent. and under.	
9	„ „ between 71 to 100 per cent.	
9	„ „ „ 100 and 200 per cent.	
6	„ „ „ 200 to 300 per cent.	
6	„ „ „ 300 to 400 „	
5	„ „ „ 400 to 500 „	
1	„ „ „ 504 per cent.	
59	villages „ 71 per cent.	

[The Government demand raised from Rs. 7,679 to Rs. 13,131.]

The revised assessment on this scale, says Col. Godfrey (p. 11), "is excessively moderate, and leaves a large margin of profit on cultivation to the ryot," and is so fixed "taking into consideration the isolated position of the district, the entire want of roads, the difficulty of disposing of surplus produce, the wild nature of the tribes which form the greater part of the population, their poverty, and the unhealthiness of the district during certain parts of the year." (p. 10.) According to the Government Resolution of 17th April, 1890, the enhanced rates are not only "moderate" but "light." (p. 57.) Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Vidal, Mr. Sheppard think otherwise. Mr. Ozanne writes in his memo. (p. 29).—"I have formed the opinion that no revision settlement, in so far as such revision implies enhancement of rates is either due or justified. Nor do I think for a moment that Government would accord sanction to such a revision when the full history of the Petha is made plain." "I am not able," writes Mr. Sheppard, "to concur in the proposals for the revision of varkas rates, which involve an enhancement of 71 per cent." It is not mentioned in the papers whether there was any complaints from the villagers in regard to these enhanced rates. Probably, there were none, there being only 155 people in all the Petha "able to read." That the increases are clearly against the Government Resolutions of 1874 and 1884, there is, of course, no doubt. The question may be asked—are these large increases fair, have they sufficient warrant in the special circumstances of the Petha ? In this point Col. Godfrey states four "advantageous circumstances," which are in his opinion justificatory of the revised rates, viz., (vide para. 11)—(1) that the climate of the Petha is good for the crops grown ; (2) that the soil is above the medium quality ; (3) that there is sufficiency of rab ; and (4) that there is plenty of land available for tillage and fallow. But obviously these and such other circumstances, however they have to be considered in the case of original settlement, ought not, under the standing rules of the Settlement Department, to be taken into account in revision operations. The only grounds on which revision of assessments is allowed by the Ripon resolutions of 1882-83 are "extension of cultivation, increase of produce due to improvement made by the State, and rise of prices," (vide Sir J. B. Peile's speech in 1886 in the Bombay Legislative Council). In the case of this Mokhada Petha, none of these grounds exist. As regards cultivation no one yet knows how much land is actually under the plough ; Col. Godfrey has not ascertained it, and though Lord Reay's Government ordered an inquiry on the point, the inquiry was abandoned for want of funds, and Lord Harris's Government has sanctioned the enhanced rates "without having the essential data of area of cultivation ascertained by the survey," so, it is impossible to say whether the area under tillage has increased or decreased during the currency of the previous settlement, and no such ground is put forward for the enhancement of the assessments in the Petha. Secondly, as regards State improvements, Mr. Sheppard, Commissioner, N. D., writes (p. 51) :—"In Mokhada very little appears to have been done to assist the development which Government 20 years ago determined to await before introducing the survey rates, but of the revenue credited during this period to Local Funds, only 40 per cent. (Rs. 9,317-12-11) has been expended within the limits of the Petha. Roads do not exist ; the "water-supply is bad." And yet, Government having thus done little or nothing for the Petha, claims now an increase of 71 per cent. to its demand upon the land, asserting that the increase is "moderate and indeed light !" During the last thirty years, the Petha has loyally contributed close on 4 lakhs to the land revenue of the Presidency at the annual average rate of over Rs. 12,500 and about Rs. 30,000 to local funds, the remissions during the whole period not even aggregating Rs. 500 ; and yet, such is the watchful care bestowed by the paternal Government of Bombay upon outlying portions of its territorial charge—that there is not a single made road in all the Petha, that there are only seven wells—none of them, however, constructed with Government aid, and that there is only one primary school, attended by 30 scholars, for a population of 25,000 souls. On this last point, it would be interesting to know from Mr. Giles, who has educational jurisdiction over this Petha, what is his annual assignment—provincial and local—for the part of the Thanna Collectorate, and how he spends it. These are, however, matter which never strike the unsophisticated minds of the Warlis, Kolis, and Thakurs, who make up the population of the outlying Petha, and who are as yet beyond the sphere of activity of Congress and Mr. Hume, and the local Government naturally is not over careful about them. The money comes into the offices of the State in a charmingly noiseless way, and there is an end of the matter. No one—not even Sir J Gorst, whose thoughts are all given, to the starving ryots of Maharajah Pratapsing of Kashmir—cares to enquire how the money is spent, whether anything is spent for the people of the Petha who pay it. And, it is remarkable that, in regard to the enhanced rates for the Petha, Colonel Godfrey does not base his proposals, nor Government, its sanction, or anything done by the State for the development of the resources of the poor district. Lastly, as to rise of prices—the strongest ground usually relied upon in revision operations, the Survey Superintendent himself tells us (p. 8). I take it. . . . . as established that for Mokhada there is not much difference in the prices now as compared with those prevailing at the time of original settlement." The following figures are from App. F. Prices :—

Seers per Rupee.	1865	1885
Rice	25	28
Nagli	33	33
Wari	43	39
Udid	22	18
Tur	16	16
Khwasani	12	15

Thus practically, as Mr. Shephard also says, "prices of produce have not risen" here during the period of the settlement, and rise of prices is not stated to be one of the grounds of enhancement.

It is, therefore, clear that the 71 per cent. increase of the assessment of this Petha, sanctioned by Government in its Resolution of 17th April, 1890, is against the principles which, Sir J. B. Peile said in his speech above referred to, have been in general accepted by the local Governments, and approved by the Secretary of State, and which "will for the future govern the revision of periodical settlements throughout India." Nay ! I go further and contend, there is much in the circumstances of this Petha, which Mr. Ozanne describes (p. 30) as the wildest and most unsettled in the whole Thana Collectorate," which ought to have told against any proposal for enhancement of assessments. The Petha is admittedly one of the most backward and isolated tracts in the whole Presidency, and its population, says Mr. Ozanne, "represents the least civilized portion of the uncivilized aborigines" (p. 30). The soil is rugged and "stony," consisting of long, undulating stretches of mal, interspersed with only here and there small patches of good rice land. "Long fallows are required in the thin soil," ranging "from 3 to 8 or 10 years." The climate is, except for a few months, most unhealthy, causing according to Colonel Godfrey general loss of energy, which makes the people "disinclined to exert themselves in the cultivation of their fields." "The water-supply is bad," most of the streams running dry in summer. The crops grown are, except tur of the poorest sort, cultivation is sporadic and careless ; "even in the most advanced parts of the district," writes Mr. Ozanne, "these wild tribes are devoid of the thrift, skill, and small degree of prudence which are requisite even to the average cultivator." According to Mr. Bulkley (p. 25) "the generality of the people are poor and many are in debt, which, added to their natural indolence, tends to keep them in a backward state of civilisation." Their condition is stated by Mr. Ozanne to be "wretched." How wretched it is may be judged from the fact that their gross annual income per head is a little over Rs. 8 as marginally shown :—

Gross value Rs.
Varkas crops —Rs. 13,000 × 12 = 156,000 (According to Col. Godfrey, estimates (p. 12)
Rice—area = 1,000 acres) = Rs. 60,000 at 15 rupees per acre.)

Total Rs. 216,000 for a population of 25,155, or about Rs. 8 per annum per head.

Thus, the Mokhada ryot is even worse off than his brother of Kurnul, who earns Rs. 9 a year, according to Mr. Benson's report recently published. A gross income of Rs. 8 a year—weighted with salt and other taxes—must mean surely a hard struggle for life. It is admitted by Colonel Godfrey himself that these poor people of Mokhada do not eat much of the grain they grow but are in "the habit of eating roots and all kinds of jungle produce in great quantities." (p. 11.)

Such being the economic circumstances of the Petha, one is naturally disposed to agree with Mr. Vidal in thinking that "it is in every way desirable that the existing rate should be disturbed as little as possible in the Nagarband villages" at all events. But, as a matter of fact, the rates have been disturbed by the Government Resolution of April last, and disturbed to an en

SPORTING NOTES.

FINE weather favoured the large company which met on the Heath at Newmarket on Tuesday 22nd ultimo, to witness the racing. The Prince of Wales won the Criterion Nursery Handicap with his Pierrette by a head from Mr. Christopher's Aurora, Colonel North's Arturo being third. As was the case last year, only four horses went to the post for the Criterion Stakes; but only a limited field could be expected in face of the form which has been shown by M. Blanc's Gouverneur, who so easily carried off the Middle Park Plate at the "Second October" Meeting. Good odds were betted on the French-bred son of Energy and Gladia, and he won in a common canter. In addition to riding Gouverneur, the winner of the Criterion Stakes, J. Watts scored on Thumerstone and Bel Demonio in their respective races. T. Loates, who had five mounts, was twice successful. The value of the Criterion Stakes was £706.

For the sixth time the Cambridgeshire has fallen to a French competitor, the victory of M. Ephrussi's filly on Wednesday (23rd ult.) being of a most decisive character. The course is a mile and 120 yards, and at the start Tostig, who had many supporters, was in front of his twenty-eight competitors—the number of starters being larger than in any year since 1882. With half the journey over Tostig was still leading, Victorious being second, and Alicante third. At the Bushes Mr. Masterman's horse was beaten, and Alicante, who was ridden by F. Barrett, came to the front, being closely followed by Captain Machell's Belmont. The last-named was momentarily brought to the front by his jockey Chaloner, but Alicante quickly recovered her position and easily won the race. Her time was 1 min. 573-5 sec. Belmont finished second and Tostig third. S. Loates, who was riding Tostig had, however, no easy task to secure the third place, as Mr. Daly's Victorious was barely a head behind. Morion finished eighth. The value of the stakes was £1,670, as against £1,310 last year. The Dewhurst Plate was won by Lord Rosebery's Corstorphine, Mr. D. Baird's Siphonia being second, and Mr. E. Blanc's Reverend third. The race (worth £1,302 to the winner) was robbed of much of its interest by the small field. Only five horses competed, neither Valaurs nor Orion being among the starters.

An interesting feature of a quiet day's sport at Newmarket was the race for the Free Handicap for three-year-olds, framed by the Keeper of the Match Book, as in it Surefoot, Sainfoin, Blue Green, Martagon, and St. Serf, fought their Derby and St. Leger battles over again, Surefoot giving weight away all round, the Berby victor being in receipt of 2lb. from Wisdom's erratic son. Since that hanaicap was framed our three-year-olds have turned the form upside down, but taking the adjustment of the weights of the five who did battle on the 24th ult. the running did not pan out so queerly after all.

Certainly both Surefoot and Sainfoin were asked to accomplish great tasks, and this was especially noticeable in the case of Sainfoin, who,it was rumoured, had not done so well since his change of training quarters. Martagon appeared to have scarcely recovered from his Cambridgeshire ordeal, from which he emerged so unsatisfactorily to his friends and admirers, and Blue Green did not relish the hard ground.

The result of the race went once more to prove that Surefoot is no good at any distance over a mile. For that limit of ground he was in front of his field, with the Derby winner, who is another colt that is no glutton for distance, always whipping in. Then St. Serf, for whom Watts put up 2lb. overweight, challenged Mr. Merry's colt, who gave way in turn to Blue Green and Martagon, and in a pretty race home St. Serf won by half a length from Mr. Douglas Baird's colt, who beat Blue Green by a head, with Surefoot close up, and the Derby winner tailed off.

Jousiffe's stable, from which so much was expected, has fared badly on the whole this season. Surefoot has turned out a terrible deceiver and with the exception of the Two Thousand Guineas and his run away win in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Leicester, he has lamentably failed to sustain the great reputation he built up for himself last year; when many went so far as to say he was a second Ormende, while the recent failures of Brackley and Galway afford further instance of the bad luck of the Seven Barrows establishment this year. Still Surefoot is a brilliant miler, and as sound as they make them, and it is possible he will recompense Jousiffe next season for the disappointments he has occasioned him this year, as he has a fair chance of winning one big stake in 1891.

Another pretty race on the 24th ult. was that for the All-Aged Stakes, in which the two veteran sprinters, Mephisto and Dog Rose,measured their strength against the two juveniles, Haute Saone and Queen of the Fairies. It will be remembered that when Haute Saone won the Prendergast Stakes during the second October Meeting she sailed home in somewhat lazy fashion from Grace Emily and the Kempton winner, Blavatsky. She has been galloped well since then, and yesterday, when the flag fell she was quicker away from slips than Mephisto and Dog Rose, while Queen of the Fairies was off last of all, and finished in that position. Mephisto came with a rattle down the hill, and as Haute Saone swerved slightly, the old horse looked like beating the young one. The swerving was, however, not the fault of Haute Saone, but was caused by the saddle slipping. Directly T. Loates got the daughter of Tristan, straight, she ran with marvellous gameness under the whip, and in the end won handsomely by a length.

In the Cheveley Stakes Bamptious, who was conceding 18lb., ran a dead-heat with Retribution, a daughter of Isonomy and Ellangowan, who will be remembered as running second to Mimi in the First October Two-Year-Old Stakes at Newmarket last month, and the stakes were divided. Scotch Earl, who was not backed by the stable connections, just got home in front of Taxus, and Ben Strome in the Houghton Handicap, and Lady Clare, in Arturo's absence, appropriated the Bretby Nursery Handicap. Mercy who appeared to have the Second Class Handicap at her mercy, was not saddled for it, and Faust just managed to win by a head from the favourite, Red Palmer.

Bonnie Boy fairly chopped his field in the Selling Plate, and a rattling set to at the finish between him and Jack O'Lantern ended in his head victory. On Gavotte's defeat of Marvel and Rusticus which was cleverly accomplished, and Flodden Field's walk over there is no need for me to dwell.

The *Sportsman* says visitors to Newmarket will learn with pleasure that the Jockey Club contemplate arranging that in future, on important race days, such as the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire, all the races shall finish at the Rowley Mile stand. Next year the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire will both be set to be run for on a Wednesday, and the Dewhurst Plate on a Thursday.

Gunsberg, the chess player, denies that the Havana Chess Club have declined an offer made by him to play a match with Blackburne at Havana. He states that in a letter from Havana, dated October 9, the honorary secretary of the Chess Club says it is subject to other proposals previously made, but not yet definitely settled. He hopes it will come off, as Mr. Blackburn has come out ahead of the English players at the recent International Tournament at Manchester, and the match would in reality be a contest for the championship of England.

El Dorado, who ran third to Donovan in the Derby, and was sold to the Hungarian Government, died on his way to Hungary on the 24th. ult.

With reference to the Deerhurst Selling Nursery at Worcester, the *Racing Calendar* says:—Mr. T. Stevens jun., reported Bradbury to the stewards for refusing to ride Rendezvous after engaging to ride his horses at the meeting. The stewards were of opinion that Mr. Stevens realised Bradbury when he accepted Finlay to ride Rendezvous. They therefore exonerated Bradbury, and reprimanded Finlay for accepting the mount on Rendezvous, and going away from Worcester without giving Mr. Stevens an explanation.

M. Ephrussi, whose Alicante won the Cambridgeshire Stakes, is probably in a better position than anybody, except Lord Rothschild, to give an opinion as to the relative magnitude of the sums involved in horse-racing compared with financial transactions. As a rule, bankers take little notice of what goes on in betting circles; but the large sum won by French backers of this horse—variously estimated at from 40,000l. up to 150,000l.—is alleged as possibly explaining a slight fall in the Paris exchange on London, and this is a matter which no banker can afford to disregard. The exception only illustrates the rule, and it may be confidently asserted that the betting on the Bourses involves in the course of a month or so twenty or thirty times the sums which change hands on racecourses. It is only in recent years that international betting has grown large, and perhaps some day we shall find the grave bankers and brokers who attend 'Change regarding the racecourses as a powerful factor in the movements of the money market.

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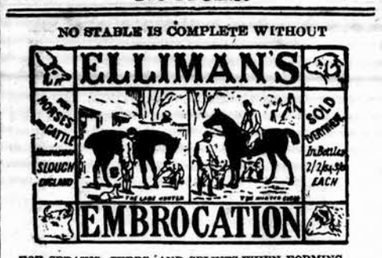

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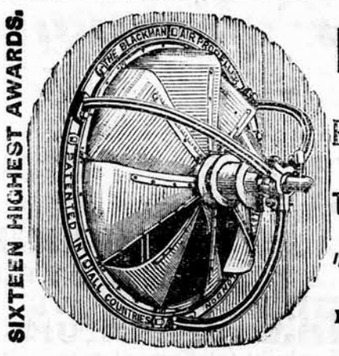

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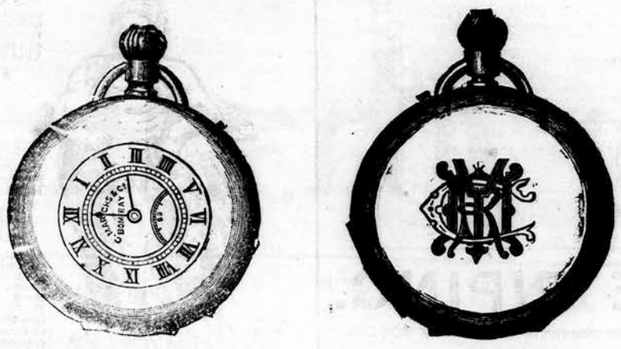

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